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Gromyko calls on all foreign forces to leave Lebanon

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko yesterday called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon — and said Syria shares this view. He was speaking at a Moscow press conference reported by Agence France Press.

Gromyko condemned Israel for, in his words, attempting to annex part of Lebanon. He reiterated that the Soviet Union supports Israel's existence, as long as Israel pursues peace. He also affirmed his country's support for the Palestinian cause.

He said that while the Soviet Union sympathizes with the Arab cause, it has always supported Israel's right to exist and opposed the "extremist" goal of liquidating it as a state.

But he said that Israel's behaviour has undermined the political and historical basis on which it was founded.

"We vote for Israel, but for a peaceful Israel," he said.

A Syrian official in Damascus denied on Friday a Kuwaiti newspaper report that Soviet Leader Ur Andropov would visit Syria in the near future.

The report is "fabricated and untrue," the official who asked not to be named said. (AFP, Reuter, AP)



The Hassan Bek mosque minaret, before and after its collapse. (Simonsky, Israel Sun)

Soviets spurn missile plan

MOSCOW — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said yesterday that U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposal for an interim agreement on medium-range missiles was unacceptable.

Gromyko, speaking at a press conference, said the president's offer would leave the West with more than twice as many nuclear warheads in Europe as the Soviet Union.

The so-called interim variant, as president calls his plan, is unacceptable, Gromyko said.

He gave three principal reasons why the Kremlin would never accept it as a basis for an accord at the Soviet talks in Geneva on medium-range missiles in Europe.

Firstly, he said, it failed to take account of the 162 British and French nuclear missiles aimed at Europe.

Secondly, it ignored U.S. aircraft carriers in Western Europe or on air-sea carriers which were capable of launching a nuclear strike against Soviet Union.

Gromyko gave as the third reason the demand that Soviet

Reagan plan enthruses neither Hussein, Arafat

AMMAN — Jordan's King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat met yesterday to discuss U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan with neither man very enthusiastic about it, according to Palestinian and Jordanian officials.

Washington has been hoping the meeting would lead to early agreement by Hussein to enter Middle East peace talks on the basis of the Reagan proposals, which called for Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan.

Jordanian officials say the king is reluctant to join the peace process without approval from Arafat.

PLO sources said it would be difficult for Arafat to give his approval, since the Reagan plan fell short of Arab demands and the U.S. also excluded the PLO from a negotiating role.

Reagan telephoned Hussein on Thursday, the California White House in Santa Barbara said yesterday.

Assistant press secretary Mark Weinberg said the call had been planned earlier and was made by the president after he arrived at his ranch.

Weinberg said the talk between Reagan and Hussein was part of the "normal discourse" between their two governments.

Meanwhile, a well-placed source said that Palestinian and Jordanian negotiators are working on the framework of a compromise peace formula to be ratified by other Arab states as a new basis for talks with Israel.

The source said the compromise plan would include elements of the Reagan initiative and one put forward by Arab states in Fez, Morocco, last year.

He said the plan might go so far as to recognize Israel's right to exist in hopes of winning U.S. support for the formula.

It had been speculated that the Hussein-Arafat meeting might produce an announcement giving the king a PLO go-ahead to enter.

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U.S. denies F-16 ban augurs policy change

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The U.S. administration has sought to assure Israel that President Ronald Reagan's statement on Thursday night — in which he said he would not authorize shipment of 75 F-16 fighters to Israel while Israel kept troops in Lebanon — did not represent a major change in existing policy.

This was the message conveyed to the ranking Israeli diplomat in Washington, Embassy Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, during a meeting on Friday at the State Department, Netanyahu, who had requested the session to express Israel's concern over the Reagan statement, met with Deputy Secretary Kenneth Dan and special Middle East envoy Philip Habib.

According to Israeli officials, Netanyahu was assured that Reagan had not intended to signal a major, new split with Israel during his comments last Thursday evening in Los Angeles. At that time, the president was asked about the suspended delivery of the fighters. "You must realize that under the law — the law exists now — those weapons must be for defensive purposes, and this is, again, one of the obstacles presented by the stalemate in Lebanon," Reagan replied.

"While those forces are in the position of occupying another

country that now has asked them to leave, we are forbidden by law to release those planes. They're F-16's, the planes that are on order. And it's as simple as the other forces returning to their own countries and letting Lebanon be Lebanon," he said.

(In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that Reagan's statements on the F-16 planes were most regrettable. "We have explained to the American administration, and I am sure that there are many in the administration who understand that Israel has no territorial designs on Lebanon. The fact that the negotiations on withdrawal of foreign forces are so protracted is because we want to make sure that our northern border will not be attacked by terrorists.")

Reagan's comments were similar to what U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger has too told congressional committees in recent weeks and what Weinberger said on March 27 on NBC's *Meet the Press*. It was the first time, however, that the president linked the suspended delivery to the sensitive matter of whether Israel violated its legal commitments to the U.S. by using American-supplied weaponry during the war in Lebanon.

In California, White House spokesman Larry Speakes, asked on Friday to explain what the president had in mind, told reporters: "The legalities of it are that we have con-

Shamir concerned by Soviet warnings

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Israel must take every precaution and be alert to the possibility of military developments in view of recent Soviet warnings, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday on Kol Israel's weekly newscast.

Shamir said the Soviets know Israel does not intend to attack Syria, and he does not believe the USSR wants to precipitate a war in this region at this time. It is precise-

Kreisky representative meets Ansar detainees

Herbert Amry, cabinet chief to Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, yesterday visited Ansar detention camp in Southern Lebanon, the Israel Defence Forces spokesman announced. He was escorted by leading Israeli dove Arye Elav, former Sheli MK.

Amry met with detainees representatives Salah Ta'amri, Nabil Masri, Numa Jum'ah and Ahmed Abu Leila, as well as other inmates.

Officials deny blast destroyed minaret

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Angry Jaffa Arabs today called for an immediate investigation into the collapse of the Hassan Bek Mosque minaret before a yesterday morning. Many were convinced that it was caused by sabotage, called for demonstrations.

Police and municipal officials here were no signs of sabotage that the collapse was caused by structural weakness.

This incident may spread like wildfire through the Moslem world, it will not accept the conclusion that the minaret collapsed by Islamic expert Zvi Elpeleg of Tel Aviv University's Shiloah Institute. He stressed that an investigation must be held immediately.

Chairman of the Moslem Religious Trust (Wakf), Abed El Wahed, said:

"A serious inquiry is not held the next few days, Jaffa's will strike and demonstrate in the streets."

People who live near the mosque, a loud explosion was heard at 7 a.m. The Arab news broadcast at 7 a.m. stated that the mosque's minaret had been bombed. Later broadcasts denied this allegation.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg said that the collapse of the Hassan Bek minaret had not been caused by an act of sabotage.

He pointed out that a number of investigations had been held over the

ownership of the mosque to the Wakf.

City engineer Shmuel Penn warned that if the mosque isn't renovated immediately, other parts of it may collapse.

The municipality spokesman said the city is willing to go ahead with renovation, but would need \$40 million to do so.

The 15-metre-high minaret collapsed in its entirety, its stones falling into the mosque yard. There was a large hole in the floor of the mosque, where the minaret's foundation had been.

The Wakf's Kabub and the Jaffa imam were awakened at 6:30 a.m. by police, who asked them to come to the mosque.

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Driver badly hurt by zealots' stones

A man was seriously wounded yesterday when ultra-Orthodox zealots stoned his car as he drove on Rehov Yehezkel in Jerusalem's Geula quarter. He has been hospitalized at Hadassah University Hospital in Ein Kerem.

Streets leading into the neighbourhood are usually blocked off by police barricades on the Sabbath and religious holidays, but one of the barricades had been removed yesterday. The man drove into the street apparently by mistake, and was met with a barrage of stones, which shattered the windows of his car.

In a reaction to the attack Dr. Ya'acov Tabak of Tadir, a movement of religious moderates in the capital, said that "attempted murder in cold blood has nothing to do with Sabbath observance." He urged Interior and Police Minister Yosef Burg to bring the attackers to justice. (Itrm)

Indians can drink in public places

NEW DELHI (AP) — For the first time in years, Indians can now legally drink alcoholic beverages in public places in the capital.

The Delhi administration officially ended prohibition on Friday.

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Forecast: Partly cloudy, moderate temperatures.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
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Golan	65	13-18	17
Nahariya	65	16-20	20
Safed	65	11-16	16
Haifa Port	89	15-18	18
Tiberias	52	10-25	25
Nazareth	64	14-18	18
Alula	61	13-22	22
Shimon	68	14-19	19
Tel Aviv	61	17-20	21
B-G Airport	63	15-21	22
Jericho	34	17-28	28
Gaza	78	16-20	20
Beer-Sheva	52	14-20	22
Eilat	19	21-30	30

Birth

Rosie and Eli Bentovim announce the birth of a boy in Jerusalem on March 31.

ARRIVALS

Prof. J. Padus, University of Waterloo, Canada, visiting professor at the Technion's department of chemistry, for six weeks.

Police arrest suspect in bid to burn mosque

A 30-year-old man of East Jerusalem was arrested by police last night on suspicion of trying to set fire to a mosque in Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem.
Fire brigade and police officers went to the scene after a taxi driver said he saw a fire. They had the blaze under control in minutes, and no damage was caused to the mosque.
The suspect was arrested soon after. Police said he was known to be mentally disturbed. (Itim)

HUSSEIN

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the talks with Israel based on the Reagan plan. But talk of a new Arab summit put such an announcement in doubt.
Khalil Wazir, a top PLO official known as Abu Jihad, confirmed the organization is trying to arrange an Arab summit. "The discussion is now going on in this field," he said. "It may be around the 16th or 18th of April."

Arafat had been expected in Jordan last Sunday but instead toured other Arab states including Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Syria before coming here. His attitude to the Reagan proposals appeared to some diplomats to have hardened during his tour. (Reuters, AP)

Argentine navy vows return to Falklands

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — The Argentine Navy yesterday said it has "a score to settle" with Britain and vowed the country's flag will fly again some day in the Falkland Islands.

The navy statement marking the anniversary of the Argentine invasion and occupation of the archipelago was the only official notice of the date.
Newspapers marked the war, but there were no rallies exhibiting the nationalistic fervor that exploded last April 2, and the government's observance of the anniversary was put off until tomorrow because of Easter weekend festivities.

MARCH. — A group from Rafael, the ordinance industry, last week won first prize in the Ma'alot Tarshiha march in Galilee in which about 2,000 persons participated.

CRACKDOWN. — Jerusalem police have announced they will strictly enforce parking regulations in the vicinity of the YMCA stadium during football matches.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

W. Bank curfews imposed after vehicles, troops stoned

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Widespread disturbances in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem yesterday are believed to have been sparked by fears that Jewish zealots will try to enter the Temple Mount and pray there today.

Police had received reports at the end of last week that the zealots, calling themselves the Temple Mount Faithful, would make the attempt to mark the end of Pessah.

Curfews were imposed on the town of Dahariya south of Hebron, the old market in Nablus, and on the Balata refugee camp outside the town.

Three female tourists were injured by rocks hurled at them from the Askar refugee camp near Nablus, two Israeli women were hurt by glass splinters when their car was stoned as it passed the Dahaiha refugee camp, and an Israeli woman and her daughter were slightly injured near the entrance to Hebron by rocks thrown at them. Two Israeli cars were also stoned as they passed through the Christian town of Beit Julia south of Jerusalem.

In East Jerusalem, youths demonstrated inside the Old City, and there was a partial strike in most of the city's Arab schools.

In the villages of Dura, Yatta and Husan, stones were thrown at military patrols, and in the village of al-Khadar, tires were burned and the Palestinian flag raised.

Health Ministry Director-

General Baruch Modan and a team of medical personnel yesterday visited Jenin, where hundreds of people, mainly young women, have been hospitalized over the past week, complaining of being poisoned. Israeli experts have ruled out poisoning and have suggested that the people's complaints are caused by a mass panic, possibly triggered by an "environmental irritant" which affected some 60 girls at a school in nearby Arraba on March 21.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has sent a doctor to Israel to conduct its own investigation into the alleged epidemic, and the American government has agreed to an Israeli appeal for experts from the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, to be sent for an independent assessment.

Eleven girls from Jenin, who were originally hospitalized in Tulikarm and were discharged on Friday, were readmitted to hospital when they arrived back in Jenin. They complained of the same symptoms: headaches, dizziness, and abdominal pains.

Fears of possible poisoning have spread to other parts of the West Bank, and Border Police bomb disposal experts were summoned to a girls school in Nablus and a boys school in Artas south of Bethlehem to examine a yellow powder that cleaners and pupils had found on the premises. The powder was found to be pollen from pine and eucalyptus trees which are in blossom at the moment.



Rabbi Uri Zohar (left), the former comedian and entertainer, shakes hands with an inmate while on a Pessah visit to Ma'asiyahu Prison last Thursday. Zohar told prisoners some people on the outside should be locked up, and some prisoners should go free. (Shlomo Segelman, Israel Sun)

Negev Beduin evacuation a success story

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — At the end of May, the quiet evacuation of Tel Malhata, 40 kilometres southwest of here will be over and the last of the original 700 families will have moved to the special nearby resettlement towns of Kseiffa and Arouar built for the Beduin. The Negev Air Force Base on the site will be no longer be pockmarked with tents, shacks and goats.

What could have been a very messy situation — evicting thousands of Beduin, all Israeli citizens, from lands they have lived on for decades — has been handled smoothly and diplomatically, so that it has turned instead into one of the government's finer moments. One of the major reasons for the evacuation's success, according to local sources, is the fact that the government authority in charge of the project has been headed by Dodi Shoshani of Kibbutz Lahav in the Northern Negev. Over the past three years, Shoshani has proved a sensitive, capable official who has managed to untangle some of the red tape involved, and has become the personification of "government" to the Beduin of Tel Malhata. Although in the beginning, most of the Beduin shunned the authority and took lawyers instead, today many Beduin outside the air force base area proper are begging to be included in the resettlement plan. The problems today have nothing to do with the authority in

charge of the evacuation but with internal rivalries among the various Beduin tribes and families. Thus, for example, Sheikh Khalil Abu Rabbia, whose powerful tribe numbers 350 families, has sought a court injunction to prohibit Sheikh Ibrahim Anur and his tribe of 100 families from entering their plots in Kseiffa. Abu Rabbia is anxious to keep the choice area for the future use of his own sons. Shoshani, aware of this rivalry, tried to solve the problem by spending a lot of extra money, developing separate but equally attractive neighbourhoods for the two clans with a large tract of land in between for farming and with separate entrances. But it was to no avail.

The case is still in court, although a compromise may be reached in the office of Meir Ben-Meir, the overall head of the government authority as well as director-general of the Agriculture Ministry.

The calm with which the evacuation is proceeding was apparent during a recent inspection tour by Shoshani and Ben-Meir of Tel Malhata, Kseiffa and Arouar. Although two Beduin had been briefly detained by police the previous day for stoning a tractor engaged in cutting a road through a wheatfield, the officials were treated warmly by the nomads, and no bitterness appeared to remain on either side. The tractor worked quietly and without haste.

There are no more problems of opposition to the evacuation itself, Ben-Meir said. "Everything is now

simply a function of the speed with which the infrastructures are completed.

"I think that by the end of May we can give the military a completely cleared field. Everything is done quietly, without delays or disturbances. The field is being built on schedule. The government authority, the Defence Ministry and the Beduin work together quietly and without fanfare," he said.

Of the original 700 families, only 18 have not yet signed the evacuation agreements, but are expected to soon.

One major snag in the otherwise peaceful evacuation has been the slow, dragged-out construction of the new towns' infrastructures. But even this problem is now nearly solved: by the end of this week, access roads to Kseiffa will be completed, and within three months, there will be telephones in both towns; electricity will be added three months later. The water supply system is already in the final stage, and by next spring the towns will be on the main road, as a new north-south highway links them to Hebron and Dimona. Schools and health clinics are almost ready.

The two towns will have 1,000 families between them. While Kseiffa is only beginning its do-it-yourself housing construction, Arouar is booming, with Galilean architects and local construction crews. It already looks like a village of villas, although the areas around the buildings are not yet fully developed.

Mideast peace moves urgent, Mubarak tells Chinese hosts

PEKING (AP). — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak downplayed their countries' differences over the Middle East yesterday and urged Israel to end its occupation of Lebanon.

Mubarak told a banquet in the Chinese capital that progress must be made in achieving Middle East peace within the next few weeks to resolve an atmosphere of "tension, unrest and fear" in the region.

Egypt and China have supported different Middle East strategies. Egypt supports U.S. President Ronald Reagan's initiative, which China denounces, and China has endorsed an Arab peace plan which Mubarak has called idealistic. But Zhao expressed appreciation in his speech for Egypt's "firm opposition to Israeli expansionist policy and

support for the Palestinian people's struggle to restore their legitimate rights." He condemned Israel for delaying withdrawal of its troops from Lebanon.

Mubarak said: "If all concerned truly hope to realize peace, they must take concrete steps in this direction within the next few weeks."

Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said earlier that military relations between the two countries are "growing steadily and surely and are always under discussion."

China supplied Egypt with vital spare parts for its Soviet arms after the Soviets embargoed arms shipments to Egypt in retaliation for Egypt's rapprochement with the U.S. and its peace overtures to Israel. It is now delivering Chinese F-7 warplanes, comparable to the Soviet MIG-21.

U.S. Jews petition for a 'Jewish, democratic' state

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Labour MK Abba Eban has been linked with American Jewish critics of the Israeli government in an appeal to U.S. Jews for their financial and political support "to restore the image of a Jewish, democratic state."

A fund-raising letter started arriving yesterday in homes around the U.S. from the Committee of Concerned American Jews, a new organization founded by Dr. Seymour Martin Lipset of Stanford University and David Cohen, a past president of Common Cause, a public interest lobbying group in Washington.

The letter said mass demonstrations in Israel by Peace Now and other groups against the Likud-led government were not enough "to lead to change." What is now "critical," it said, is that "we in America, who have experience in non-partisan citizens' organizations, provide the benefit of our ex-

perience — as well as grants of financial support — to those in Israel working for change through community, charitable, and public interest organizations."

Enclosed in the mass mailing was a postage-free, return envelope and coupon soliciting tax-deductible contributions ranging from \$25 to \$1,000. Those supporting the appeal were asked to sign the following "message" to Abba Eban: "I stand with you and every other Israeli of conscience in the struggle to safeguard the security of Israel and reserve the values of democracy, humanity, and social justice — which were the foundations of Israel's creation. You can count on me. Let me know what I can do to help further."

Also listed as founding members of the group were Rabbi Balfour Brickner of New York, Alan Baron, who edits *The Baron Report*, a political newsletter in Washington, and Jonathan Cohen, a former South African businessman living in San Francisco.

Death takes no holiday on the roads

Jerusalem Post Staff

A 10-year-old boy from Arad died in Beersheba's Soroka Hospital yesterday, bringing to 14 the number of traffic deaths this past week. Doctors lost a six-day battle to save Adi Shimon, who was mortally injured when his bicycle collided with an Egged bus. The driver will be charged by police.

In 128 road accidents recorded since the beginning of last week, 97 persons were seriously injured and

130 suffered moderate and light injuries. Five of those killed were pedestrians, including two children. Of the injured, 55 were pedestrians, 28 of them children.

Police said the major cause of accidents this week was reckless overtaking and not keeping sufficient distance between cars. A record amount of traffic is expected at the end of Pessah tomorrow, and police urge drivers to be patient and drive carefully.

Chad seeks UN vote on Libyan dispute

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — Chad last week submitted a resolution to the UN Security Council calling for a peaceful solution to a dispute over a uranium-rich part of the country which it claims Libya has occupied illegally since 1973.

The draft calls on Chad and Libya to make use of available peace-making machinery, including the Organization of African Unity and the other methods laid down in the UN charter.

The 15 council members had tried to agree on a statement that would have been read out by their president, Britain's Sir John Thompson. A presidential statement is sometimes used as an alternative to a resolution.

But council sources said the Soviet Union, reflecting objections by Libya, not itself a council member, tried to amend the wording to

such an extent that agreement became impossible.

Chad then submitted the formal resolution to force the issue to a vote.

Fighting erupts in Shouf mountains

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Fighting broke out yesterday between a Christian and a Druse village in the Shouf mountains, threatening an eight-week-old truce arranged by the Israeli troops that control the area.

Sources said the villages involved were Souq al-Gharb, a stronghold of the Phalange Christian militia, and Aitah, held by Druse militiamen.

Gulf states to hold talks on oil slick crisis

BAHRAIN. — Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Mirza Taheri will attend crisis talks on a Gulf oil slick which has begun polluting the beaches of Qatar and threatens to paralyze Gulf shipping.

The Iranian ambassador to Kuwait, Ali Shams Ardekani, said yesterday that Taheri, head of Iran's Environmental Protection Agency, would take part in a high-level meeting in Kuwait on fighting the slick, caused by oil gushing from Iraqi-bombed Iranian wells.

But there was no word if Iraq, which has not promised safe conduct to repair crews waiting to cap the wells in the Nowruz field, a dangerous Gulf war combat zone, would attend. Environmental experts are scheduled to hold preparatory talks tomorrow in Bahrain.

As the first oil to hit the Arabian Peninsula side of the Gulf began washing ashore in Qatar, local press reports said a U.S. space shuttle launched tomorrow would be used to flash pictures of the pollution to the region's governments.

A senior Qatari environmental official, Hajar Ahmed Hajar, said that small, thin patches from the slick came ashore on the state's northeast coast, and larger patches were only 16 kilometres from land.

An estimated 250,000 barrels of thick, black oil pouring from two damaged wells at the head of the Gulf has created a slick covering about 7,500 square miles dotted over almost half the waterway and edging south.

On Friday night, Qatar urged the western world to help in tackling the slick that is threatening to

paralyze power, industry and shipping in the entire Gulf region.

The strongly-worded appeal came in a commentary broadcast over the state television as the peninsula of 240,000 inhabitants busied itself, on the Moslem Sabbath day, with efforts to build a coastal stone wall at the capital city, Doha, and as people queued to stockpile on mineral water bottles and fish at double the usual prices.

The television commentary said the Gulf Arab states have been asking for western help in dealing with the sprawling seven-week-old slick, but "to our great regret, the western countries have been adopting an unacceptable stance, on the pretext of (Iran-Iraq) military operations by stating that they cannot send teams of experts before guaranteeing their safety."

Reports circulating in the Gulf say Iraq will not agree to a military showdown in the affected region before Iran accepts a total ceasefire to the 31-month-old Gulf war. Iran insists on a \$50 billion "cash downpayment," paid by Iraq, before agreeing to peace talks. (AP, Reuters)

F-16 BAN

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gressional notification regarding these aircraft, which has been held up since Israel went to Lebanon... However, the president was not stating that he was making a determination of ineligibility under U.S. law.

The 75 F-16's are not scheduled to be delivered to Israel until 1985 — at the earliest. In practical terms, therefore, the suspension has had mostly political and symbolic importance, rather than military.

U.S. officials conceded it will be only a matter of time before the suspension is lifted and the notification sent to Congress. "I think that's a fair statement," Romberg

said, when asked whether the sale would eventually be concluded.

Administration officials said Reagan may unintentionally have scored some points with Jordan's King Hussein by making the statement about the F-16's. While they insisted there was no desire to worsen relations with Israel at this sensitive point in the Lebanese troop withdrawal negotiations, there was some possibility that Reagan's remarks may tend to encourage Hussein to join the U.S.-sponsored peace process.

On Friday, Saudi Arabia applauded Reagan's statement as "a doubtlessly effective and positive step," and a "good omen" for Middle East peace.

Salem denies agreement on security in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT. — Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem denied on Friday reports that Lebanon, Israel and the U.S. had reached agreement on security arrangements in southern Lebanon. But he said that progress has been made in talks on troop withdrawal from Lebanon.

In a late Friday evening broadcast, state-run Beirut Radio quoted Salem as saying "there has been no final agreement on any of the issues currently under discussion." It had been reported earlier that agreement was reached on setting up a tripartite commission to be based in southern Lebanon to oversee the Lebanese Army's security duties in the South.

"There has been no agreement on any such issue. This (commission) has been a proposal which the parties concerned in the negotiations are discussing," Salem said.

"Some progress has been made yesterday (Thursday) during the negotiations in Kiryat Shmona. If the progress continues next week, then we will definitely be on the right track for a comprehensive (troop withdrawal) agreement," Salem said.

A Lebanese government spokesman denied a report which quoted Israeli officials as saying that Lebanon had agreed in principle at the talks in Kiryat Shmona on Thursday to joint Israeli-Lebanese military patrols in South Lebanon. The spokesman echoed Salem's statement that the proposal being debated was for a joint commission.

The state-controlled Lebanese television also quoted an unidentified official source as saying "any talk about an agreement at this stage is premature."

There was no comment from either Salem or the official source on a Beirut Radio report that Israel had dropped its demand that South Lebanon militia leader, Maj. Sa'ad Haddad be reinstated in the Lebanese Army and made commander of the southern region to prevent a return of Palestinian terrorists.

In another development, U.S. Marine commander in Lebanon James Mead said Friday that because of an increased threat of terror acts, he had ordered his troops to carry loaded weapons for the first time.

Mead told reporters at the U.S. command post in a converted fire station near Beirut International Airport that the decision followed an attack on a patrol last month in which five marines were slightly wounded.

"The head of the Lebanese armed forces, Gen. Ibrahim Tannous, gave me through his intelligence (a warning) that our patrols had an increased probability of being hit," said Mead. "I have decided and we implemented this week a policy that magazines would be put into the weapons of all marines on patrol."

Although the magazines will be in the M16 rifles, there will be no round in the firing chamber, Mead said.

Since the 1,200 marines first came to Lebanon last August to supervise the evacuation of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the policy was that U.S. peace-keepers would keep their clips out of their weapons to avoid accidental shootings.

Another factor in his decision, Mead said, was increased terrorist activity against Israeli patrols on the old Sidon road supply route that skirts the fringes of the U.S. Marine zone. (Reuters, AP)

DIRECTOR. — Prof. Aaron Rosen has been named director of the Barwell School of Social Work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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Junior MDs offered 50% rise, says Sadan

By LEA LEVAVI
TEL AVIV. — The government has offered a 50 per cent pay increase for junior doctors, and 16 per cent for doctors at the top of the wage scale, Finance Ministry Director-General Ezra Sadan revealed on Kol Yisrael's weekly radio newsreel yesterday.

He added, however, that real negotiations have not started, because the gap between the government and the doctors is too great to bridge. The doctors want at least 125 per cent across the board, he said.

He complained that the doctors make their demands in telegrams to MPs and in newspaper headlines, rather than at the negotiating table. "The negotiations will not end with the doctors' demands being met, because if we met them, the paramedics, the nurses and everyone else would demand the same, and soon the doctors would

be left with nothing and the economy would collapse."

Dr. Ram Ishai, chairman of the medical association, would not give a total figure for the doctors' demands, though he denied the figures the Finance Ministry gave.

He said junior doctors should earn the average wage in the economy and top doctors should get at least double. Otherwise, he warned, doctors will leave the country.

Ishai asserted that the Finance Ministry talked about the need not to break the wage agreement

because it wants to maintain good relations with other groups of workers. "We all know that the wage agreements are the jumping off point for all sorts of exceptions, which is why doctors' pay has become eroded over the last few years. But the fact that doctors get \$25,000 a month for a full time job is a situation nobody can accept."

Travellers wait in line to pay tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Although Israelis who left the country on Friday encountered difficulties in paying the new travel tax, Ben-Gurion Airport authorities reported no delays in flight departures.

Some travellers said they had been unable to pay in local banks because clerks said they did not know what procedure to follow, thus long lines formed at the airport banks, and passengers had to wait more than half an hour to pay their \$2,100.

Arrangements had been made with the banks so that at least one or two branches would be open at any given time, Israel Hod, the airport's manager, said.

Bank receipts were collected by police at passport control booths and a customs official was on duty around the clock to solve problems.

Druse clergy reject government pay

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter
AZARETH. — Druse spiritual leaders will not accept any salary or benefits from the government for their work, the head of the religious Affairs Ministry's minorities division said on Friday.

Dr. Nissim Dana said that the unprecedented decision was made by a spiritual leaders themselves.

He said the ministry set up a special committee six months ago to determine the legal status of the Druse spiritual leaders, who arrange marriage ceremonies, preserve the

holy sites and deal with religious affairs in the villages.

He said that ministry officials were surprised to learn that the committee unanimously decided to exempt the state from paying salaries to the spiritual leaders.

On the other hand, Moslem clergymen have insisted on receiving regular salaries and being considered state employees. The ministry has acceded to the demands of over 250 Moslem clergymen, who had threatened to strike if the ministry rejected their demands.

Plans for levy on foreign currency sales

Post Economic Reporter
The Treasury has strongly denied it has any intention of imposing a levy on sales of foreign currency, saying it is considering such a measure to improve the balance of payments.

A Treasury spokesman said yesterday that Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt will soon complete plans for measures to encourage exports but that the steps envisaged do not include the imposition of such a levy.

The finance ministry was reacting to press reports on Friday which said that it was considering impos-

Var's effects linger in Sidon clinics

By EDWARD GROSSMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
ON. — Doctors in this Southern anese town, which was hit hard last summer's fighting, say that though most local hospitals and clinics are working normally again, some aspects of the health of both Sidonian and Lebanese residents

inures to be affected. Health conditions in Ein Hilwe refugee camp have greatly improved in the last few months, according to Dr. Fikri Faur, head of clinic there. He told The Jerusalem Post that, thanks to the provision of clean drinking water, repair of sewage lines and a ramme of inoculations, the war epidemic of gastrointestinal diseases and hepatitis is

rate of infectious disease among refugees is no higher today before the war, Faur said.

The Lebanese government has opened its hospital adjacent camp. Palestinians who need talization are sent to one of the private institutions, with of the cost being picked up by

UNWRA. Faur, a Palestinian, said that UNWRA also pays for the clinic, and for supplies from Beirut.

The dialysis unit of the near-by government hospital is still functioning with six machines, donated by the American Joint Distribution Committee. However, Palestinians receive dialysis only if no Lebanese citizens require the same treatment.

"We're considered foreigners. We don't have priority," Faur explained. He said that if dialysis is unavailable at the government hospital, Palestinian patients must go either to Beirut or to Israel.

Before the war, refugees in Sidon could get dialysis at the PLO hospital, now closed.

Faur said that the most important health problem remaining from the war is psychological. Many children in Ein Hilwe, he said, show much more fear of the world and behave more aggressively toward each other than before the war.

Many women in the camp also suffer from psychosomatic illnesses.

Faur traced these problems to the shock of the war, the present uncertainty of life in the camp, and



Christian pilgrims walk the stations of the cross along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem's Old City on Good Friday.

'Needn't be Moroccan to enjoy Mimouna'

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Do you have Moroccan neighbours, friends, acquaintances? Don't wait for an invitation. Feel free to drop in tomorrow night to join them in celebrating the Mimouna, the special holiday of North African Jewry.

That's the message from Sam Ben-Chetrit, chairman of Beyahad, an organization founded by Moroccan Jews and devoted to promoting the unity of the Jewish people. He adds that it is customary to bring no gift. Just greet your hosts with the traditional blessing, *tirbehu veitsadi*, try the special holiday

foods, discuss the customs of the festival and invite your hosts to visit you in return.

Ben-Chetrit estimates that tomorrow night some 1.8 million Israelis will either be guests or hosts. Practically every public figure is to visit a Moroccan family, with Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat due to call at Kfar Shalem, the slum neighbourhood where a man was shot to death by police several months ago in a dispute over demolition of an illegal building.

There will be 120 hospitality centres in towns and cities, and many kibbutzim and moshavim will hold open house.

At the festivities in Jerusalem's

Sacher Park on Wednesday politicians will give greetings, but Ben-Chetrit promises they won't be political and will not last more than a minute each.

There will be festivities throughout the country. In Tel Aviv, a non-Jewish Moroccan folkloric troupe will perform. Jerusalem's festivities will include displays by artisans from various communities.

A herbal healer, scribes, weavers, painters and goldsmiths will also feature. "You don't have to be Moroccan to study Moroccan Jewry," said folklore expert Professor Yedida Stillman, one of the organizers.

Plans to aid jobless in development towns

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs is considering steps to alleviate unemployment in development towns, which has been higher than the national average for three years.

The Central Bureau of Statistics has reported the unemployment rate for the entire population during 1981 and 1982 at slightly more than 5 per cent, and at 4.8 per cent for 1980. In established towns and cities the rate was 4.6 per cent in 1980 and 4.8 per cent in 1981, whereas in development towns, the rates were 7.4 per cent for 1980 and 8.2 per cent for 1981. The 1982 situation was similar.

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when the jobless rate goes over a certain, unspecified level. The minister would then be able to enact such emergency measures as an extension of the eligibility period for unemployment grants, compensation for workers who have to move to lower-paying jobs, incentives to plants to increase their workforce, and subsidies to plants to keep them from dismissing workers.

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A 'joker' leaves dummy bomb in bank

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A dummy bomb was discovered in a Bank Leumi branch here on Friday, and police immediately started a hunt for the person who planted it.

A letter found nearby explained that the bomb was an "April Fool's joke," and expressed the hope for a good start to the fiscal year.

Dozens of angry callers — including MK Gad Ya'acobi — were taken in by the April Fool's Day joke on Kol Yisrael on Friday announcing that the government had decided to levy a \$175 annual tax on videotape recorders.

At 7 a.m., the radio announced in its news broadcast that the levy was approved by the cabinet to finance a second TV channel and to fund allocations connected with the coalition agreement. According to the report, the Communications Ministry had obtained a special machine in Japan that allowed inspectors to "sense" who has a videotape recorder and to "erase" the colour from film used by people who had not paid the annual fee.

Likud MK Ronnie Milo and Shinui MK Mordechai Virshubski, who were in on the joke, expressed their pro and con reactions. But Labour's Ya'acobi, who was fooled, called the radio station and denounced the government on the air for "milking" the public.

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Easter pilgrims swell capital

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Scores of thousands of pilgrims from abroad joined local Catholics and Protestants in Jerusalem last week to march along the Via Dolorosa in observance of Good Friday, which marks the crucifixion of Jesus.

Especially noteworthy this year were the many groups which came from Africa for the holiday. The pilgrims, many of them carrying wooden crosses, sang hymns in their native tongues and stopped to pray at the various stations of the cross.

The Tourism Ministry has estimated that about 70,000 pilgrims arrived.

Today members of western churches will celebrate Easter, the holiday of the resurrection. Masses

in different languages have been scheduled at the various Catholic churches, and a full schedule of prayers to conclude Holy Week has been set for the Garden Tomb, which many Protestants consider to be the resting place of Jesus.

The Orthodox, or eastern Christian churches, celebrate Easter in May this year.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II, clutching a large black cross to his chest, led a torch-lit procession on Good Friday evening around the Colosseum in a symbolic recreation of Jesus' march to Calvary.

The Pope began the long day of mourning by hearing the confessions of 15 women and two men for 90 minutes, following a tradition he began three years ago to stress the importance of confession.

Haddad urges release of Lebanese from Ansar camp

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — South Lebanon militia commander Major Sa'ad Haddad yesterday called on Israel to free most of the Lebanese nationals being held at the Ansar detention camp in Southern Lebanon.

Haddad said that "just terrorists who acted against Israel in the past, or against Lebanon, should remain in the camp. If any of the Lebanese collaborate or participate in any terrorist act, then they could be arrested again."

Haddad told reporters here that the Lebanese who collaborated with

the Palestine Liberation Organization when it ruled the area did so only because they were forced to. "I personally suffer from the detention of Lebanese. Many Lebanese turn to me for help and I am helpless," he said.

Meanwhile, tension continues in Southern Lebanon following the murder last week of Dr. Halli Alush, allegedly shot to death by a soldier of the Fijl contingent of UNIFIL when he and his wife were stopped at a roadblock. Hundreds attended Alush's funeral on Friday, including Maximus Salum, the head of Lebanon's Greek Orthodox Church.

JAFFA MINARET

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to the mosque and help calm angry residents who were already gathering there. Throughout the day, scores of Jaffa Arabs stood outside the mosque, its entrance closed off by police.

There were vociferous arguments between the Arabs, who were sure the minaret was bombed for political reasons, and Jewish residents.

In a hurried press conference, Tel Aviv police commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman said that the chief sapper of the Israel Police, brought from Jerusalem, had examined the rubble and found no signs of sabotage. The city engineer also reached the conclusion that the collapse was caused by age, weak building materials and decay.

But the police did not gather testimony from the workers and guests at the nearby Astoria Hotel, who had visited the site earlier that morning following a "loud noise."

A senior police source told The Jerusalem Post that reports of two men seen running away from the area, with kit bags on their backs, were also not investigated by the police, who did not think them related to the incident.

Architect Avraham Yaski, a municipal councillor, led a group of engineers to the mosque at the Wakf's request yesterday afternoon. Yaski said that he would ask engineering experts from the Tech-

nion to try to determine the causes of the collapse. He could detect no signs of sabotage at first glance, he said.

Moslem engineers in the group said that the way the minaret's stones fell — in all directions landing up to 20 metres from the mosque — showed that it had been bombed. In a natural collapse, they said, the stones would have fallen in one direction.

The minaret was declared strong and safe for the next 100 years in 1981, after the mosque was examined by a municipal engineer and two Moslem engineers from Nazareth. But on October 21, 1981, official municipality sources said the mosque was a dilapidated structure in danger of collapse. That year, the Jaffa Wakf and community were promised by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, the Religious Affairs Ministry and the prime minister's adviser for Arab affairs that the mosque would be renovated. This followed a controversial attempt by the municipality to lease the mosque to a private contractor, Gershon Peres, who planned to turn it into a commercial centre.

The Wakf was told to prepare a detailed plan for renovating the mosque within four months. The plan was completed on time, but the authorities have not acted up to now, claiming that they have no budget for the project.



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Ballet Comedie performs at Ein Gev

Post Music Editor
EINGEV. — The first performance in Israel of the American Ballet Comedie was presented on Friday night at the Pessah festival here.

The accent was on comedy, with the packed house enjoying a programme full of surprises.

Last night's performance featured the Israel Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Yoav Talmi, with flutist Aurele Nicolet as soloist in the classical programme.

The 40th anniversary festival continues today with a special programme on the kibbutz in song and dance. The festival ends tomorrow night with a concert by Gaechinger Kanporei from Stuttgart, Germany.

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Anti-nuclear protesters hold 'die-ins'

Thousands of protesters staged "die-ins" in West Germany and Scotland yesterday against the nuclear arms programmes of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The demonstrations were described as "quiet and peaceful."

Organizers of the anti-nuclear arms protests in West Germany said more than 75,000 people took part, but police gave no figures of their own. The protest in Glasgow's George Square, where more than 4,000 people lay down, lasted five minutes and was accompanied by wailing of sirens and followed by Scottish bagpipers playing a lament for the dead.

As about 1,500 protesters gathered at Bonn's Defence Ministry. Conservative politicians charged that the demonstrations were helping Moscow.

"Those who call for one-sided disarmament make (East-West) disarmament impossible," Defence Minister Manfred Woerner told the *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper.

Peace movement spokesmen said the protests were a prelude to demonstrations later this year if NATO begins deploying the new rockets in West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Britain and the Netherlands as planned.

"Our weekend action will make

people think more about adding missiles here," said organizer Uta Schulze-Lessel.

In Duisburg, among the largest of the industrial Ruhr Valley steel cities, an estimated 12,000 demonstrators gathered to hear opposition Social Democrat politicians call for a stop to the arms race.

In central Germany, more than 1,000 marchers left from Giessen to join hundreds of other protesters in an 80-kilometre march to Frankfurt, where they were expected to block gates to a U.S. military base, organizers said.

On Friday, police used tear gas

and guard dogs in a brief clash with protesters at a U.S. military base in the Bavarian town of Neu Ulm.

Today, protesters plan to hold a march and rally in Faslane, Scotland, home base of Britain's nuclear-armed Polaris submarines.

On Friday, British anti-nuclear demonstrators linked arms across rural England in a 22-km. human chain spanning three key defence installations. Joan Ruddock, chairwoman of the sponsoring Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, described Friday's demonstration in Berkshire as "the most moving and highly successful demonstration of all time in Britain." (AP)



View of the Ruhr Easter March in Duisburg, West Germany, yesterday. Tens of thousands marched throughout the country to show their opposition to NATO plans to bring new U.S. missiles to Europe. (UPI telephoto)

Top senator wants Shultz to testify on CIA activities

WASHINGTON (AP). — Senator Daniel Moynihan, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, on Friday questioned whether the CIA's illegally supporting efforts to overthrow Nicaragua's government and said top administration officials should testify under oath on the subject.

Moynihan, a New York Democrat, said in an interview that the issue of U.S. involvement in the Central American nation is "coming to a crisis."

He said top government officials including Secretary of State George Shultz should be called before the Senate and House on the extent of U.S. covert activities in Central America and compliance with legislative restrictions.

The senator indicated that he and several committee colleagues are concerned that CIA officials may not have been candid in describing American involvement during briefings for the intelligence panel.

Nicaraguan officials have repeatedly charged that the U.S. is actively supporting exiled insurgent forces fighting against the Marxist regime. An amendment approved by Congress last December prohibits American support to paramilitary groups for the purpose of overthrowing the Nicaraguan government.

In Managua, Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto said on Friday that fighting near the Honduran border is an "invasion by the U.S. in an undeclared war" against the Sandinista government. D'Escoto said the insurgents, Nicaraguan exiles who have re-entered the country, cannot achieve their goal of overthrowing the leftist government. "But in the process of trying to resolve that problem, a lot of people are being killed," he told a news conference. "This is a shame. They are being killed because they are made to fight the U.S. war."

Rebels killed 23 soldiers in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — At least 23 soldiers were killed last week in a rebel attack in Morazan province, possibly the worst single guerrilla blow to a U.S.-trained battalion in the 41-month-old civil war, military sources confirmed on Friday.

A well-placed military source said the defeat suffered on Wednesday by the Ramon Bellosa battalion could fuel demands by some military officials for the resignation of Defence Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia. The source, who spoke on condition he not be identified for security reasons, is considered to be fairly neutral on the issue.

The battalion was considered the elite of the Salvadoran Army, because it was the only one entirely trained and equipped in the U.S. Named after a famous 19th-century Salvadoran general, the force returned to El Salvador from Fort Bragg, North Carolina in April 1982.

Fighting in the area continued on Friday morning, army officials in Morazan said. Guerrillas attacked with mortar fire from the Cerro de Fuego hill, north of the Torola River, 190 kilometres northwest of the capital and eight kms. northwest of Osicala, where about 50 army troops are based.

The leftist radio Venceremos on Thursday repeated its claim that 74 soldiers, including 57 members of the Bellosa battalion, were killed on Wednesday as the rebels wiped out a civil defence post at San Isidro, then badly defeated two columns of troops from the Bellosa battalion sent to drive them out of town.

Hawaii volcano erupts

VOLCANO, Hawaii (AP). — Hawaii's Kilauea volcano continued to pour a steady stream of lava into a remote forested area on Friday, scientists said.

Lava fountains shooting more than 90 metres in the air were visible from as far as 13 kilometres.

The activity, which began on Monday, is the 23rd phase of an eruption that started on January 3.

COMMANDER. — U.S. Admiral William Small, 56, has been appointed commander-in-chief of Allied Forces in southern Europe effective next month, succeeding Admiral William Crowe, who becomes commander-in-chief of the Pacific in June.

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. Teamster boss sent to prison hospital

CHICAGO (Reuters). — A judge yesterday sentenced the leader of America's biggest trade union to a prison hospital for 90 days to determine if he is well enough to take a longer jail term. But Federal Judge Prentice Marshall of the U.S. District Court turned down a government request that Roy Williams, 67 and in poor health with the lung condition emphysema, should be ordered to resign as president of the Teamsters Union. Williams and four other men were convicted in December of conspiring to bribe a member of the U.S. Senate in an attempt to stop legislation opposed by the union. "You sold the working man out," the judge told the defendant.

Mozambique criminals to be flogged publicly

MAPUTO, Mozambique (Reuters). — Convictions for armed robbery, child rape and black marketeering in Mozambique will carry a mandatory flogging under a law published on Friday.

The permanent commission of the Mozambique People's Assembly said in a preamble to the law that the measure is needed because jail terms have proved "inadequate to deter the crime wave."

Those convicted of security offences, smuggling and illegal currency deals will also be flogged publicly.

Flogging will be in addition to, not instead of, penalties applicable for the crimes. The only exception mentioned in the law is that a person sentenced to death cannot be flogged.

Deadly nerve gas spilled at U.S. Army depot

HERMISTON, Oregon (AP). — Three-tenths of a gram of the deadliest nerve gas stored at the Umatilla army depot was spilled in a laboratory but caused no injuries, a U.S. Army spokeswoman said yesterday. Five persons were working in the laboratory at the time of Thursday's spill.

"There were no apparent injuries or exposure due to the incident," said Susie Voss, a spokeswoman at the Tooele army depot, which supervises work at the Umatilla depot.

Work inside the mobile laboratory was suspended pending an investigation of the spill.

Army officials say one-fiftieth of a drop of VX on a person's skin can kill within four minutes.

VX is an oily liquid which evaporates 2,000 times more slowly than

water, Voss said. It becomes a gas only when sprayed or when vaporized by an explosion.

Quakes in USSR left 14,000 homeless

MOSCOW. — A Soviet newspaper disclosed on Friday that 14,000 people were left homeless when two strong earthquakes struck a large oil-producing area of western Turkmenia.

Moscow News, a foreign-language weekly, said the epicentre was the town of Kum-Dag, where eight persons suffered injuries and "practically every house suffered from the calamity."

The newspaper did not say when the earthquakes occurred, but a major tremor measuring 5.5 on the Richter Scale struck neighbouring northeast Iran on March 23, killing several hundred and injuring 78, the official Iranian news agency reported last Wednesday.

The Moscow News account said the earthquakes in the southern Soviet republic opened a "huge crack" along the streets and housing blocks of Kum-Dag for several kilometres.

Spain lets Argentine arms fly on to Iran

MADRID (AP). — A shipment of Argentine-made arms for Iran, delayed in Madrid for three months, was finally shipped to Teheran last Wednesday, airport customs officers said yesterday.

The shipment comprising 5,000 9-mm. pistols and 60 12-mm. anti-aircraft machine guns, was originally labelled as machinery and spare parts. It was held at the airport until it was properly identified.

United Press International let back into Poland

WARSAW (AP). — The American news agency, United Press International, resumed new-gathering activities in Poland, on Friday, nearly two months after its operations were suspended by Warsaw authorities, the Polish Foreign Ministry said.

The government approved credentials for Walter Wisniewski, 37, the agency's chief correspondent for Eastern Europe, who replaces Ruth Gruber, the UPI correspondent expelled from Poland in mid-January.

Five Thai soldiers killed in border clash with Vietnamese

BANGKOK. — Fighting along the Thai and Kampuchean border continued yesterday with the Thai army commander-in-chief ordering M-41 tanks to retaliate against Vietnamese shelling from inside Kam-

puchea. Gen. Arthit Kamlang-Ek told a press briefing at an army base that at least 100 Vietnamese troops crossed into Thailand for one hour yesterday morning and engaged in hand-to-hand combat with a Thai border patrol.

Five Thai soldiers were killed and eight wounded in the clash. Arthit ordered tanks to return fire on Vietnamese positions in retaliation against Vietnamese artillery rounds falling on Thai territory.

The incursion, which took place near the village of Phnom Pat was the second reported major Thai-Vietnamese clash in two days. Another reportedly occurred on the slopes of Phnom Chat on Friday, when less than 100 Vietnamese crossed the border.

A military officer in the Thai frontier town of Aranyaprathet said that Vietnamese forces moved artillery and 1,000 troops into the captured Khmer Rouge stronghold of

Phnom Chat on Friday. Those guns, and three other batteries deeper in Kampuchea were shelling the rebels along the border, according to reports.

Meanwhile, Vietnam's official Radio Hanoi blamed the Thai authorities for the increasing border tension. "There would not have been such attacks if the Thai authorities did not foster and arm Pol Pot (Khmer Rouge)," the radio monitored here, said.

The Thai Foreign Ministry on Friday condemned the Vietnamese action, which has reportedly resulted in at least 30 Kampuchean civilians killed, as 15,000 refugees fled the Phnom Chat area into Thailand on Thursday and Friday.

Five non-Communist states in South East Asia called on Vietnam yesterday to halt what they described as indiscriminate attacks against Kampuchean civilians on the Thai border. The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), comprising Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand, appealed to the international community to condemn the attacks. (AP, Reuters)

U.S. space shuttle set to go tomorrow

CAPE CANAVERAL (Reuters). —

The space shuttle Challenger is set to lift off on its much-delayed maiden voyage tomorrow, carrying a delicate cargo on a five-day mission that should also include the first shuttle spacewalk.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials said the countdown was continuing smoothly towards the sixth launch of the \$12 billion shuttle programme.

The discovery of cracks in Challenger's main engines, and a launch pad storm which covered the vessel

and its cargo with debris, added more than two months of repair and clean-up to an already tight schedule.

The major goals of the four-man crew, are to eject a big telecommunications satellite from the orbiting Challenger's cargo hold and to test two multi-million-dollar spacesuits outside the pressurized crew cabin.

The crew members, who will make a 34-hour spacewalk on their fourth day in orbit, are Story Musgrave, a 47-year-old scientist-astronaut who is also a surgeon, and Donald Peterson, 49, a retired air force colonel.

Blaze on car ferry kills one person

FALMOUTH, England (AP). — Fire swept through forward cabins of a French car ferry off the southwest tip of England yesterday killing one person and injuring at least 20 others, the British coast guard reported.

The 5,732-ton Armorique, with 700 passengers aboard, was on its way from Roscoff, France, to Cork, Ireland, when the blaze erupted.

Swiss radio rapped

BERNE (AP). — The Swiss Broadcasting Corporation violated its government licence by carrying a radio satire in which Israel's intervention in Lebanon was likened to Nazi policies, a government-appointed commission said Wednesday.

Colombia toll may hit 500—city of churches devastated

BOGOTA (Reuters). — Children, tourists and troops joined rescue teams looking for more victims in the earthquake-devastated Andean city of Popayan, where officials fear 500 people may have died. By Friday afternoon, 150 bodies had been recovered.

Many Roman Catholic worshippers attending morning mass at the start of Easter week celebrations were killed when the roof of the city's cathedral collapsed on them.

More than half of Popayan, in southwest Colombia, was wrecked or damaged in the biggest quake to hit the old Spanish colonial city for 400 years.

Officials said several nearby towns were battered by Thursday's quake, which registered seven on the 12-degree Richter scale. In one town, Cagibío, with a population of 15,000, only 10 per cent of the buildings were reported to be still standing.

Colombia's civil defence chief Carlos Martinez Saez toured the shattered streets of Popayan and said the death toll could climb to 500 with up to 2,000 injured. As he

spoke, rescue teams and volunteers tore at piles of smashed masonry with their bare hands.

A Red Cross spokesman gave a lower casualty estimate — 400 dead and 1,200 injured.

Authorities, fearing an outbreak of disease in the city of 138,000, stepped up a vaccination programme after the quake ripped open part of the cemetery, sending coffins and human remains tumbling among the ruins.

President Belisario Betancur and members of his cabinet attended the funeral on Friday of about 50 victims in a part of the cemetery not affected by the quake.

Unofficial reports said about 200 people were praying under the domed roof of Popayan's old Spanish-style cathedral when huge chunks of masonry crashed down on them.

The Colombian government launched an emergency plan to restore the city, noted for its churches and monasteries. Popayan, 370 kilometres southwest of Bogotá, was flattened by an earthquake in the 16th century but later rebuilt.

2 Soviet diplomats, writer deported by UK government

LONDON. — Britain has ordered the expulsion of two Soviet diplomats and a Soviet journalist, apparently suspected of spying.

The Foreign Office announced that assistant air attaché Guennadi Primakov and second secretary Serguei Ivanov were being expelled for engaging "in activities incompatible with their status" — a phrase usually associated with espionage.

Igor Titov, a correspondent working for the Soviet political magazine *New Times*, was also told to leave Britain after taking part in "unacceptable activities."

"The accusations were 'totally unfounded and unsubstantiated,' the Soviet Embassy said on Friday. "The mentioned representatives were engaged exclusively in activity aimed at the development of Soviet-British relations," said Press Attache Nikolai Spanski. Speaking at his luxury apartment in London's Kensington district, Titov said: "This is absolute rubbish. It is political provocation. I am no spy."

The three expulsions brings the total number of Soviets ordered out of Britain since 1971 to 112. This figure comprises officials, including diplomats, expelled for espionage in a mass purge in 1971. (AP, Reuters)

Major issues stall Sino-Soviet ties

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said yesterday that the Soviet Union wants to normalize relations with China but has yet to agree on major differences between the two Communist giants.

Gromyko said current talks between Peking and Moscow "have not yet reached a stage justifying any definite conclusions especially on major issues."

Moscow and Peking began a second round of talks to normalize relations last month in the Soviet

capital. The first session was held in Peking last October.

Gromyko's statement was one of the most cautious Soviet assessments of Sino-Soviet relations since the bilateral consultations began.

Peking has said relations cannot be normalized until Soviet troops are withdrawn from Afghanistan, Soviet troops on the Chinese border are reduced or withdrawn and there is a solution to the Kampuchea situation, where the Soviet backed Vietnamese overthrew the Pol Pot regime.

Pretoria agent blamed for rebel's death

HARARE (AP). — Zimbabwe police suspect that a South African-paid assassin shot and killed the leader of a Soviet-backed Malawi rebel movement in Harare this week, the government said yesterday.

"The police view is that this had the stamp of South African agents working on behalf of the Malawi

government," a government spokesman said. "South Africans have done this sort of thing many times before."

The body of Attati Mpakati, 50, president of the Socialist League of Malawi based in Mozambique was found on Monday, a single bullet wound in his head, in a vacant lot in the capital.

U.S. jury refuses to indict husband for 'mercy killing'

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP). — A grand jury refused to indict a 79-year-old man after hearing him tell how he fired a bullet into the head of his wife, who suffered from a brain disease that turned her into a helpless, howling animal. "I was afraid I missed or something and only hurt her," said Hans Florian, a retired butcher, as he testified about the day he killed Johanna, 62, his wife of 33 years.

"He had a wife who was a living body with no mind," said Florian's lawyer, Jon Gutmacher.

Florian was found, pistol in hand, standing over his fatally wounded

wife on March 18 at Hollywood Memorial Hospital as she slumped in her wheelchair, shot in the right temple.

The German-born immigrant said he could no longer bear to see her suffering. Her mind had started unravelling in the late 1970s.

"First, she started panicking whenever he would step away from her, wanting to know where he was," Gutmacher said. "Then her handwriting declined. Within a few months, she couldn't write at all."

As the disease ravaged her brain, Florian and his son by a first mar-

The first California Condor hatched in captivity is seen in San Diego shortly after it emerged from its shell on March 30. The chick's first meal consisted of two finely chopped baby mice in warm water. There are only 20 condors left in the world. (UPI telephoto)

riage. Ralph, bathed Johanna, pried open her mouth at feeding time, woke to her screams, picked her up when she stumbled, and changed her clothes five or six times a day as she soiled them.

For most of the past two years, friends said, Mrs. Florian screamed constantly, howling unless heavily drugged. She would only utter two words — the German words for "fire" and "pain."

After she fell and hurt herself, she was put in a nursing home which refused to keep her. On March 8, Florian took her to Hollywood Memorial. Ten days later, he made his final visit, taking along a .38-calibre revolver. He never tested the police version of events — that he lifted his wife from bed, wheeled her into a stairwell and fired a bullet into her brain.

After Thursday's grand jury decision, Gutmacher said Florian's own secret testimony to the panel had apparently convinced jurors the killing was one of mercy. Prosecutors said they would drop the case. "If 12 people on a grand jury don't indict, why would another jury convict?" asked chief assistant state attorney Ralph Ray.

Florian took her to Hollywood



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Boeing's new Jumbo 747-300 — the Dash 300 — rolls out of the hangar for the first time in September 1982

Turning the bubble into a bulge

By CHARLES HOFFMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEING ON BOARD for a nine-hour party at 35,000 feet is not a bad way to get to know the new features of Boeing's latest variant of its famous 747 "Jumbo" line, the 747-300 with an expanded upper deck that stretches half-way down the fuselage.

The top executives and board members of Boeing and Swissair were evidently aware of this when they recently invited about 70 journalists from Europe and North America, plus two from Israel, to join them on the delivery flight of a new 747-300, non-stop from Boeing headquarters in Seattle, Washington, to Swissair headquarters in Zurich.

The new airliner, called the Dash 300 in aircraft-industry parlance, was launched on the Boeing production line about three years ago when Swissair placed the first order, which came to a whopping \$550 million for five planes. Swissair took possession of the first one on March 5, and has just put it into commercial service on its North Atlantic runs.

Aside from the publicity value of the hoopla over the new model, the eventuality of the 747, it was initially hard to see why Boeing and Swissair attached such great importance to turning the Jumbo's bubble into an elongated bulge. But talks with officials of the two companies during the trip revealed why this was indeed a "big deal."

There was a time, decades ago, when technicians decided what new airplanes would be produced, and expected airlines to buy them like units off the rack.

A Swissair official recalled that the DC-8, made by Boeing's arch-rival McDonnell-Douglas, was a complete flop. Twelve DC-8s rolled off the assembly line before it was realized that the plane was "out of tune" with the market. After that debacle, airplane manufacturers made sure that the major carriers had a role in planning future models.

Another reason for the close collaboration between manufacturer and carrier today is the huge development costs for new models, which can run to more than a billion dollars. Variants of existing models don't come cheap either. So it is important for a manufacturer to find a carrier ready to share the risk in developing a new model or variant.

SWISSAIR PLAYED the role of launching carrier for the Dash 300 by placing the first order for the craft and by working with Boeing to turn the designers' vision into an airliner with a wide market appeal. Groups of officials from both companies spent thousands of hours over the last several years working out technical specifications for the Dash 300 and drawing up the complicated contracts needed to close a deal.

Aside from a few early-generation 747s, Swissair has a fleet consisting of DC-8s, DC-9s and DC-10s. So Boeing was interested in getting Swissair — "a class outfit that makes money," as the Boeing spokesman put it — "back into the fold. Hence the hoopla."

Meanwhile, five other carriers have ordered a total of 15 more Dash 300s — KLM, Singapore, Air France, South African Airways and an unnamed Asian carrier. Israel got its first look at the plane this week when it made a trial trip here to help cope with holiday traffic.

MEBODY SOMEWHERE once said that "getting there is half the fun." I wish that this had applied to first leg of the press junket, the 12-hour flight from Zurich, via London, to Chicago, and then on to Seattle. Swissair's generous and courteous service and spacious seating arrangements, even in economy class, were not at fault. Simply that an 18-hour journey "door to door, with headwinds blowing you down, is a sleep."

So the press delegation from Israel and Israel arrived a bit out of focus and spent the next three

days in a haze composed of one part alcohol and two parts jet-lag. The alcoholic component began to infuse our "working trip" on the flight over, abetted by Swissair's policy of providing cocktails, wine and after-dinner drinks in economy class at no extra charge. Besides taking on extra fuel, the brief stop in Boston was used to reinforce the liquor stocks, which had run dangerously low.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the Seattle visit was a trip to the Boeing plant at Everett, which was built in the late 1960s to manufacture the 747 and was expanded in 1980 to assemble the newer 767, a wide-bodied twin-jet that went into service last year. El Al is scheduled to get five of the all-passenger 767s in several months. The other Boeing airliners are made at another plant in the Seattle area.

It is only fitting that the world's largest airliner, which can seat a maximum of about 500 passengers, should be assembled in the world's largest volume building. The bare statistics fail to convey the awesome size of the structure, but here they are anyway: the building measures 630 metres by 492m, and contains 8.7 million cubic metres of space. It is 34m high, about the size of an eight or nine-storey building. Workers move about between the giant assembly bays on bicycles or in trucks.

The Everett plant can turn out seven 747s and six 767s a month, but the recent turbulence in the air travel industry has led to a reduction in orders. Production rates are now an average of two 747s and 4.5 767s a month. Big planes carry big price tags: between \$80m and \$98m for a jumbo and \$46m and \$51m for a 767.

With its \$9 billion in sales last year and the vast majority of its 88,000 workforce located in Washington, Boeing has a massive impact on the local economy.

A FORMER professor at Washington University in Seattle gave me an illustration of the ripple effect of shifts in Boeing's fortunes: the university had to cut back activities last year in line with the state government's smaller budget, which shrank as tax revenues from Boeing fell off due to lower profits.

With all its economic and political clout, though, Boeing has not been able to change the official state tree, the Douglas fir.

While at the plant we heard briefings from top Boeing executives on Dash 300 and development plans for its other lines. An official from jet engine manufacturer Pratt and Whitney explained that the new engines developed for the Dash 300 are more powerful and more efficient than other models, and have increased the maximum range of the Jumbo to 10,790 kilometres.

Still enveloped in a haze, my mind wandered when he elaborated on the differences between the JT9D-7W and the JT9D-7R4G2 engines. But I perked up when the Pratt and Whitney executive assured us that the new JT9D-7R4G2 had passed the "bird-ingestion tests" with flying colours.

NOW THAT caught my curiosity. How do they test an engine's ability to absorb the unfortunate winged creatures that get sucked into blades of a mighty turbofan?

He explained to me afterwards that Pratt and Whitney doesn't use live birds for these tests. It takes birds of all shapes and sizes that have been killed and frozen, and then thaws them out and fires them at the engines with a special cannon in a test chamber. Unsung sacrifices of the jet age.

The day after the briefings and the tour we were ready to launch the first Swissair Dash 300 on its ride to its new home base, taking off directly from the airfield next to the Everett plant without the usual fuss of airports, tickets, immigration, etc. This was not a test-flight, we were assured: the plane had already undergone 120 hours of tests in the

air since it rolled out of the mammoth factory doors last September.

High-powered business deals in the aircraft industry are propelled by a mixture of jet fuel and alcohol. The dinners and press conferences of the previous days had been liberally juiced, and so it was only natural that all the passengers on this special flight toast the event with several rounds of champagne.

That was before we got off the ground. Once in the air the festivities continued, with excellent food accompanying the drinks, for the next nine hours to Zurich. On the ground again, we were greeted with — what else? — a reception featuring wine and cheese pastries.

THE PASSENGERS on this flight consisted of the pack of journalists, along with several dozen top officials and board members of Boeing and Swissair and their wives.

The VIPs sat in the first-class section, which seats 36 in sleepers or slumberettes. These luxurious seats, spaced 170cm apart, recline almost horizontally and are equipped with electronic controls that adjust the seat cushion and leg rest.

The rest of us sat in the two economy sections which, on Swissair, are roomier than on most other airlines. The seating configuration is nine abreast, instead of 10 or 11, in a two-four-three pattern with two aisles in between.

Two of the five Dash 300s ordered by Swissair have only two economy sections on the main deck, with the rear section reserved for cargo. We flew on one of these "combi" (for combination) aircraft, which carries 30 to 34 tons of freight on in standard pallets loaded from the side of the plane. This is in addition to the 15 to 17 tons of freight and baggage in the hold.

Combi have become popular with many international airlines, which sometimes lack passengers to fill up a Jumbo on medium or even long-range hauls. Using combis, with 230 seats, together with regular Dash 300s, with 344 seats, on these routes can provide the flexibility to meet shifting market conditions for passengers or freight.

WHICH BRINGS US to the economic advantage of the stretched upper deck. On a combi it provides a maximum of 69 extra economy-class seats without detracting from cargo capacity on the main deck, and on a regular 747 it accommodates more passengers without sacrificing comfort.

Elongating the Jumbo "bubble" has led to certain changes in the 747 interior. Gone is the spiral staircase that on the early Jumbos led to a lounge for first-class passengers. On the Dash 300, a straight stairway leads from the forward economy section to the upper deck, which Swissair has fitted out with 69 economy seats arranged six abreast and divided in the middle by a centre aisle.

The cabin is divided into two sections by the area next to the emergency doors, and comes equipped with its own galley and two restrooms.

There is more storage space than in the economy section on the main deck, the rise is quieter and there is ample room for restless passengers to move around in the space dividing the two sections of the cabin.

And if one gets "homesick" for the hubbub in the main deck, it's simply a hop down the stairs.

The upper deck could also be fitted with 38 first-class sleeper seats, or 46 business-class seats, an intermediate class used by other airlines.

Boeing is now planning to extend the upper deck all the way down the fuselage, making a fully double-decker airplane.

It may take passengers and market conditions some time to adjust to this notion, but Boeing feels it has plenty of time. Even now the Jumbo has no rivals, and the executive vice-president of the Boeing aircraft division predicted that demand for it will run strong for the next several decades.

THE DISCOVERY of a new particle called the "W" was recently reported by CERN, an international high energy physics laboratory in Geneva, which is run by the Western European countries. Israeli groups also participate in its experiments, which are so expensive that no single university, or country smaller than a superpower, can afford them. Similar laboratories exist only in the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

The W has provided the answer to the puzzle of radioactivity, which had remained unsolved since the beginning of this century. Pioneering experiments by Pierre and Marie Curie led to the discovery that many materials emit a kind of invisible radiation called beta rays.

The emission of beta rays is called radioactivity. Further investigations produced a catalogue of over a thousand radioactive materials, or radioisotopes.

Radioactive materials have many uses. Materials which are radioactive for only a short time can be used to locate tumours without causing permanent damage to the patient. We can date rocks and animal bones by examining the radioactive carbon-14 which they contain. Radioactivity is, however, a mixed blessing. It has given mankind both the radioactive fallout which can cause cancer and the radiation therapy which can cure it.

Radioactivity can be a very slow process, and its speed cannot be controlled. Each radioisotope emits its own particular kind of beta rays. Some are radioactive for only a few minutes; others for millions of years. We can make these materials in laboratories, but once they are made they release their energy in their own way and at their own speed. We know of no practical way to control or change it.

SINCE THE discovery of radioactivity, scientists have wondered

WESTERN EUROPE'S leading electronics firms are gearing up to battle American and Japanese dominance of what is likely to become the largest manufacturing industry in the world in the next decade — information technology.

A recent issue of an American business journal in Brussels shows a small pugnacious robot from Europe giving chase to a towering, distraught machine from the United States and Japan.

The aggressor has in its right arm a flag on which is written "Esprit," an acronym for the European Community's new attempt to put up a multi-national challenge to the American and Japanese dominance of information technology.

Esprit (European Strategic

W-particle breakthrough

By HARRY J. LIPKIN / Special to The Jerusalem Post

what force causes radioisotopes to emit beta rays. They knew that the force was very weak, because it produced results much more slowly than other known forces such as electricity and magnetism.

In 1864 the British physicist James Maxwell developed a theory to explain electricity and magnetism. The sun's rays, lasers, microwave cookers, X-ray photographs and a host of other phenomena are all described by his electromagnetic theory. Maxwell's theory predicted the existence of radio waves before their discovery by showing that energy of an electric current in the antenna of a radio transmitter could be sent through space to generate a current in a receiving antenna far away.

In 1905 Albert Einstein showed that Maxwell's electromagnetic radiation consisted of tiny particles called photons which carried energy from a transmitter to a receiver. Einstein believed that all forces of nature were linked together, and spent the last years of his life in an unsuccessful search for a "unified field theory" more general than the theory of electromagnetism. Physicists who followed Einstein's approach tried to describe radioactivity in the same way that they had described electromagnetism, and to explain why it was so much slower.

According to these physicists,

radioactivity results from an energy transfer within an atom. The energy is carried by a particle called the W, which never leaves the atom. At its destination the W disappears and its energy is transformed into beta rays just as a beam of sunlight is stopped by our bodies and its energy transformed into heat. The process goes slowly at normal temperatures, much more slowly than iron rusting, because tremendous energy is needed to make a W.

THIS THEORY was very difficult to test. It would take enormous amounts of energy to heat even one-millionth of a gram to the temperature needed to create Ws and get them out of the atom. Instead, physicists tried to pump enough energy into one or two atoms to heat them to the point where one W comes out. They built machines which shoot two atomic nuclei at one another at very high speeds, and waited to see whether the collision would produce enough energy to make the W. Over the past twenty years, bigger and bigger machines were built, but no Ws were found. Some physicists concluded that more energy was needed to make the W, while others insisted that the whole theory was wrong, and that there was no W.

Meanwhile, new experiments provided more information about the weak forces of radioactivity.

Three physicists, Sheldon Glashow, Steven Weinberg and Abdus Salam, developed a new and more refined theory in which the W played the same role for the weak force that Einstein's photon played in the theory of electromagnetism. They not only explained everything that was known, but also predicted exactly how much energy would be needed to make the W. It was more energy than any previous machine had provided, but was within the reach of modern technology. Glashow, Weinberg and Salam received the Nobel Prize for physics, and the CERN laboratory in Geneva built a machine to look for the W.

The new machine made the W with exactly the amount of energy predicted by Glashow, Weinberg and Salam, and confirmed their theory. This discovery may begin a new chapter in our understanding of the forces of nature. Theorists continue Einstein's search for unification by developing new theories with names like grand unification, supergravity and superunification. New machines at even higher energies are being built to test these theories, and perhaps to make exciting new discoveries not predicted by the theorists.

Israeli physicists play an active part in this programme. Israeli groups have always been active at the major research centres in Europe and the United States. The most ambitious project is the new LEP accelerator to be built in Geneva. It will be much bigger than the machine which discovered the W.

The Israeli group which is collaborating on this project includes physicists from all Israeli institutions which are active in this field. Hopefully they will make even more exciting discoveries.

The writer is professor of physics at the Weizmann Institute.

Technology race

By ETHAN BONNER / Brussels

Programme of Research and Development in Information Technology) joins a dozen of the community's leading electronics groups, traditionally fierce competitors, which are now faced with seemingly insurmountable competition from abroad.

AT THEIR recent summit, the leaders of the 10-nation European Community gave a stamp of approval to the scheme, which has an initial funding of about \$23 million.

In a report to the summit, the European Commission quoted the 12 companies, including Philips of the Netherlands, Siemens and AEG of West Germany and France's Thomson, as saying:

"The position of European industry in this field is depressing if not exactly disastrous. Unless a cooperative industrial programme of sufficient magnitude can be mounted, most, if not all, of the current information technology in-

dustry could disappear in a few years' time."

European leaders see Esprit as not only an attempt to save the infant information technology industry but as a means of creating jobs and ensuring the community's economic future.

Information technology involves a wide range of advanced techniques, especially the manufacture of silicon chips, each able to store tens of thousands of bits of information.

It is one of the world's fastest moving fields. The Japanese, for example, are already at work on a chip reported capable of storing one million active elements.

The race is on to design ever smaller and "smarter" chips. (Reuters News Service)

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Sports

Brighton shock Spurs

LONDON (AP). — Two players were sent off in a dramatic finale as bottom club Brighton came from behind to beat Tottenham on Saturday and keep alive its hopes of staying in the English First Division. All the excitement was concentrated in the last thirteen minutes.

Brighton, trailing 1-0 to a Graham Roberts goal had fullback Chris Ramsey dismissed 13 minutes from time for a foul on Mark Falco.

Eight minutes later, Tottenham's Tony Galvin received his marching orders for kicking Jimmy Case.

Brighton immediately equalized through Steve Gattling. With just three minutes remaining and both teams down to 10 men, the South Coast club snatched an unlikely victory with a goal by substitute Gerry Ryan, to pick up three precious points in its fight against relegation.

The win failed, however, to keep Jimmy Melia's team off the bottom as Norwich, two points and one place above Brighton at the start of play, won at Luton, and Birmingham and Swansea drew 1-1.

Liverpool stretched its lead at the top of the standings to an unsailable 16 points with a 1-0 home win over Sunderland. Captain Graeme Souness scored the goal 19 minutes from time.

Manchester United defeated Coventry 3-0 to move into second place on goal difference above Watford, which slipped up at West Ham, losing 1-2.

STANDINGS

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	12	22	8	3	76	28	74
Manchester U.	11	17	8	6	45	25	58
W. Ham	10	14	12	10	42	38	56
Nottingham	9	13	11	12	41	35	55
Sheff. Wed.	8	15	6	13	48	51	51
Sheff. Utd.	7	14	8	12	46	50	50
Nottingham	6	13	7	13	45	49	49
Sheff. Utd.	5	14	8	12	43	41	48
W. Ham	4	12	11	15	41	47	47
Sheff. Wed.	3	12	10	14	41	43	47
Sheff. Utd.	2	14	10	12	40	46	46
Sheff. Wed.	1	12	8	13	41	47	44

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
QPR	11	21	5	7	64	28	68
Wolves	10	19	6	6	38	34	66
Sheff. Wed.	9	17	8	7	36	31	63
Sheff. Utd.	8	16	10	12	31	34	54
Sheff. Wed.	7	15	6	13	37	51	51
Sheff. Utd.	6	14	7	13	37	49	49
Sheff. Wed.	5	12	8	13	41	47	47
Sheff. Utd.	4	12	10	14	40	46	46
Sheff. Wed.	3	11	10	15	44	48	43
Sheff. Utd.	2	12	10	14	42	49	42
Sheff. Wed.	1	12	10	14	42	49	42

Safari

NAIROBI (Reuters). — Local driver Vic Preston, at the wheel of a four-wheel drive Audi Quattro, built up a commanding 29-minute lead after 17 stages of the 23-stage second leg of the Kenya Safari Motor Rally yesterday.

Driving in hot, dusty conditions, Preston picked up 99 penalty minutes during the leg, which took the cars on a 1,455-km circuit of Mount Kenya.

Betar wins Jerusalem derby

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

Two second half goals gave Betar a 2-0 win over Hapoel in the Jerusalem derby before a crowd of 9,000, which jam-packed the YMCA stadium yesterday, taking Betar to ninth place in the National League, and dropping Hapoel to 15th.

Shimshon of Tel Aviv's Yemenite Quarter will join runaway league leader Maccabi Netanya in the European Intertoto Competition in the summer off-season, following a 1-0 away win over Maccabi Haifa.

The three points won in Haifa took Shimshon into second place. Uri Malmilian again showed top form to lead Betar to a deserved victory. It was his free kick that sent the ball to Yossi Avrahami, who came off the reserves bench in the second half, and who headed past Mordechai Weizman in the 60th minute. Betar continued to press on the Hapoel goal and Shlomo Ilat shot in from close range for the second goal in the 90th minute. Zion Marili was the best player for Hapoel, but Hapoel's forwards rarely threatened Yossi Mizrahi's goal.

Efraim Arviv scored Shimshon's winner in the 16th minute with a spectacular shot from 17 metres. Gideon Damti played an outstanding game for Shimshon. Haifa goalkeeper Zadok Avrahamy kept the Tel Avivians from adding goals.

Former Maccabi Haifa striker Meir Ben-Shitrit went close several times against his old team. Seven thousand saw the match at the Kiryat Eliezer stadium.

Maccabi Netanya had an off day, and it was lucky that a powerful Benny Lamm shot from 18 metres in the 74th minute enabled it to beat Maccabi Yavne 1-0. Maccabi Netanya now leads the table by 16 points. Five thousand saw the game in Netanya.

Maccabi Petah Tikva, with two second half goals, put paid to Maccabi Tel Aviv's hopes of European football this summer. A spectacular goal by Eyal Begleiter in the 47th minute opened the scoring, and Doron Rabinson clinched the 2-0 result in the 85th minute, after a long solo run, just a minute after coming off the reserves bench.

Hapoel Tel Aviv led Hapoel Kfar Sava 3-0 at one stage, but only emerged a 3-2 winner at the Bloomfield Stadium. Dov Remler played a brilliant game, scoring two of the Tel Aviv goals with a header in the 37th minute and a shot in the 65th. Maurice Janco scored with a penalty in the 42nd minute.

Eytan Raviv led the Kfar Sava revival with a goal in the 69th minute, and Israel Vogel made no mistake from the penalty spot in the 81st minute. Kfar Sava turned on the pressure in the remaining minutes but was kept at bay by Arye Bejerano.

Hapoel Lod registered its first win in 10 games with a second minute goal by Benny Smadja. The three points won moved Lod from 15th to 12th position. Another team that moved up the table in the relegation zone was Hapoel Yehud.

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The best seats at YMCA

1-0 home winner over Hapoel Beersheba thanks to a Yitzhak Balachan goal from a Shalom Rockban pass in the 77th minute, after Rockban had effected one of his dazzling solo runs past several defenders.

Nearly 5,000 turned out at the Hatikva Quarter, where Bnei Yehuda and Maccabi Jaffa drew 1-1 in a very tepid match. Eli Shechter gave Jaffa the lead in the 51st minute from a Ronnie Gaon corner. Eight minutes before the end, Uri Luzon equalized for the home team with a header.

Zhai Armeli scored both Shfar'am's goals in Kiryat Shmona to lift his team above the Second Division relegation line. Eli Ben-Amo also scored both his team's goals in Hapoel Haifa's 2-2 draw in Upper Nazareth, but the win of the day in the Second Division was Betar Tel Aviv's 1-0 victory over Hakoah Ramat Gan to take it three points clear at the top.

Tomorrow, seven 6th-round State Cup games will be played.

National League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yehud 1, Beersheba 0							
Mac. PT 2, Mac. TA 0							
Mac. Haifa 0, Shimshon 1							
Lod 1, Hap. RG 0							
Hap. J'm 0, Betar J'm 2							
Netanya 1, Yavne 0							
Hap. TA 3, Kfar Sava 2							
Bnei Yehuda 1, Mac. Jaffa 1							

Top spin may fall flat

By HAL KALECHOFKY

The swan song of Bjorn Borg this week at the Monte Carlo clay court championships may coincide with the passing of an era, that of excessive belief in heavy top spin.

Anyone who follows the world's professional tennis circuit can readily see that the talented players have learned how to play and beat opponents who use a strict topspin game, and so the combination hard-hitting finesse and volley performers like McEnroe, Connors, Lendl, Navratilova, Mandlikova, have returned to the top of the rankings. Borg, the kind of topspin has retired, and we haven't seen the moonballs of Harold Solomon or Eddie Dibbs for a while. Younger promising players, such as Mats Wilander and Andreja Jaeger, are falling more and more often to the serve and volley hard hitters.

All this is evidence that the trend of championship tennis is turning from the topspin groundstrokes of yesteryear to the brilliant all-round players. Intelligent competitors, after gazing at those revolving egg-shaped globes go bounding past them for a few years, have figured out strategies to send even better shots the other way. More than ever before, the top players must be able to serve, volley, and control the ball with deadly accuracy.

All well and good, for those tennis instructors and would-be professionals who foresee the direction of world tennis. But how does seeing the future apply to Israeli tennis now? Israel has not produced a highly ranked champion other than Shlomo Glickstein. For a modern country with intelligent coaches, I wonder where all the potential tennis superstars are. To find some answers, I travelled to the Israel Tennis Centre in Jerusalem to ask the head coach, Danny Galley where he thought championship Israeli tennis was going and what was being accomplished with upcoming players.

To begin with, Danny just pointed out correctly that Israeli tennis is only now acquiring a championship footing. The oldest tennis centre, in Ramat HaSharon, is but seven years old. For some time promising Israeli juniors have been performing well in tournaments in Europe and the Americas.

An unavoidable obstacle to the progress of these international competitors is that they must serve in the army, and 21 is the earliest they can compete professionally. Danny told me the tournament records showed that Israel is forging a base of very good players, and the potential is there to train the best

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Betar TA 1, Hakoah 0							
Betar Ramat G. 0, Hakoah 0							
Ashkelon 2, Bet Shmesh 0							
C. Nazareth 2, Hap. Haifa 2							
Ramat Amir 1, Hap. PT 1							
E. Shmona 0, Shfar'am 2							
Tel Hama 3, Hadera 1							

STANDINGS, after 24 games: National League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Netanya	17	4	3	48:25	55		
2. Shimshon	10	9	5	29:30	39		
3. Hap. TA	11	6	7	21:18	39		
4. Mac. TA	9	8	6	34:15	36		
5. Beersheba	8	10	6	21:18	34		
6. Mac PT	8	9	7	32:23	33		
7. Bnei Yehuda	7	11	6	19:19	32		
8. Mac. Haifa	7	10	7	22:23	31		
9. Betar J'm	6	11	7	26:28	29		
10. Yavne	5	12	7	30:25	27		
11. Yehud	6	9	9	13:23	27		
12. Lod	5	11	8	25:24	26		
13. Kfar Sava	5	9	10	26:30	24		
14. Hap. RG	4	12	8	11:17	24		
15. Hap. J'm	6	6	12	21:36	24		
16. Mac. Jaffa	3	12	9	16:23	21		

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Betar TA	13	8	3	30:30	47		
2. Ramat Amir	13	5	6	34:30	44		
3. Hakoah	11	8	5	35:30	41		
4. Ashkelon	10	11	3	23:11	39		
5. Hap. Haifa	10	8	6	27:26	38		
6. Rishon	10	7	7	34:30	38		
7. Hap. PT	9	8	7	30:32	35		
8. U. Nazareth	8	9	7	32:27	35		
9. Hadera	7	11	6	37:33	32		
10. Betar Ramle	7	10	7	27:23	31		
11. K. Shmona	6	9	9	16:24	27		
12. Bet Shmesh	5	9	10	18:28	27		
13. Shfar'am	4	9	11	18:28	24		
14. Bet Shmona	5	6	13	24:26	21		
15. Tel Hama	3	9	12	14:32	18		
16. Acre	4	6	14	15:26	15		

Purcell ousts Shlomo

MONTE CARLO (AP). — American Mel Purcell slew Israeli giant-killer Shlomo Glickstein 6-0, 7-6 (8-6) on Friday to advance to the semi-finals of the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Open Tennis Tournament.

Glickstein, who upset No. 1 seed Ivan Lendl on Tuesday, could not do anything right for most of the match, while the 23-year-old Purcell played almost faultlessly, taking the first 10 games. He displayed a full range of technical skills and court-craft, serving well, and outplaying and outsmarting the 25-year-old Israeli until the fifth game of the second set.

At that point, Glickstein suddenly found the range on his serve and regained the deft touch shots that had driven Lendl crazy three days before. He forced the match into a tiebreaker, which Purcell finally won on a fine drop shot that the slower Glickstein couldn't quite manage to reach.

In a surprise nearly as remarkable as Glickstein's victory over Lendl, Italy's Corrado Barazzutti upset the No. 2 seed, Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in a marathon three-hour match yesterday to advance to the semi-finals.

The 30-year-old Barazzutti, ranked 134th in the world, played determined, steady tennis in ousting Vilas, the Monte Carlo defending



Mel Purcell

champion. Vilas, ranked 4th in the world, fought off three match points to win the ninth game of the last set but committed 44 unforced errors.

In other quarter-final matches yesterday, 34-year-old Manuel Orantes of Spain upset 22-year-old Yannick Noah of France, the sixth seed 2-6, 7-6, 6-3. Sweden's Mats Wilander the tournament's last surviving seed, defeated Bjorn Borg's conqueror, Henri Leconte of France, 7-5, 6-0.

Purcell yesterday won his semi-final match against Manuel Orantes of Spain, when Orantes withdrew after he had lost the first set 3-6 and was trailing 1-2 in the second set. Orantes seemed to be exhausted after playing his quarter-final match earlier in the day.

Wilander overcame Barazzutti 6-2, 6-3, and so will face Purcell in the final.

Glickstein's ranking

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter
Shlomo Glickstein's ranking, according to the ATP computer, will go up to 35 as a result of his two victories in the Monte Carlo Grand Prix tournament.

He will have another chance to beat Mel Purcell, to whom he has now lost in all three of their en-

counters, on May 7 at the Ramat Hasharon Israel Tennis Centre, in a friendly international meet between Israel and the U.S. as part of the Hapoel Games.

Glickstein will compete this week in the inaugural Lisbon Grand Prix, worth \$250,000 in prize money, which opens in the Portuguese capital. He then returns to Israel for the Ashkelon ATP tournament.

Borg's great decade

MONTE CARLO (AP). — After losing his match against 19-year-old Henri Lacoste of France in the Monte Carlo clay court Grand Prix tournament, Bjorn Borg, retiring from competitive tennis at the age of 26, said he was rather relieved that it was all over.

"I'll miss the fans, I'll miss the cheers, I'll miss the atmosphere," he said. "But it will be great to know, when I wake up in the morning, that I do not have to get up to practise for three or four hours."

He said that he would play in one more exhibition game, in Tokyo next week, but that will be his last. "Of course I'll always play tennis, but not in exhibitions," he commented.

Borg's career took off in 1972, when at the age of 15, he came back from two sets down to beat New Zealand's Onny Parun in a Davis Cup tie. Later that year he won the Wimbledon junior title.

Nets catch 76ers

NEW YORK (AP). — "The way we played tonight, we could have beaten anybody," said New Jersey Nets coach Larry Brown on Friday night. He had reason to make this claim — the Nets had just vanquished the high-flying Philadelphia 76ers by a margin of 111 to 104, clinching a spot in the playoffs for Brown's team.

It also destroyed the 76ers' dreams of setting an NBA record for the most victories in a single season. With 60 victories and 9 games remaining, they can do no better than tie the mark of 69-13 set by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1971-72, even if they win every remaining game.

In other NBA action, the Boston Celtics trimmed the Milwaukee Bucks 97-83, the Los Angeles Lakers trounced the New York Knicks 102-88, the Atlanta Hawks nipped the Chicago Bulls 108-107, the Washington Bullets whipped the Indiana Pacers 123-109, the San Antonio Spurs thrashed the Houston Rockets 124-99, the Detroit Pistons downed the Cleveland Cavaliers 120-111, the Utah Jazz defeated the Golden State Warriors 112-108, the Kansas City Kings beat the San Diego Clippers 135-119 and the Seattle SuperSonics turned back the Dallas Mavericks 101-95.

SCOREBOARD

CRICKET. — West Indies vs. India, 3rd. test. West Indies 229 for 5 (Richards 97 not out, Greenidge 70).

BOAT RACE. — Oxford beat Cambridge yesterday in the annual boat race.

Israel Lands Administration, Jerusalem District

Offer for the lease of a lot for the construction of a commercial centre and mini-market in Ramot, 2nd site, Jerusalem

Tender 120 — Jm 104/82

The Israel Lands Administration invited bids for the lease of a lot for the construction of a commercial centre and mini-market in Ramot, Site 2 Jerusalem. The following are the details of the area and of building possibilities as of the date of the tender.

Urban building plan No.	Parcel No.	Approx. area in Sq.m.	Infrastructure charge in IS*	Minimum price IS	Deposit IS
2844	M-1	1,120	2,496,231.00	2,369,700	120,000

* Linked to the housing construction index of January, 1983 (891.13) and to be paid separately to "Arim". Urban Construction Company Ltd.

Details, sample agreements and offer forms may be obtained at our offices in Jerusalem, 34 Ben Yehuda St., 12th floor, Tel. 02-224121 or at the urban office at 169 Jaffa Road, Tel. 534152 on all regular work days between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

The final date for submission of offers is 28.4.83 at 12.00 noon.

Any bid not found in the tender box at that time will not be considered. The Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept the highest bid or any bid whatsoever.

Great success for Israeli juniors

JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israeli Amir Mansdorf and Oded Ya'acov will meet today in the singles final of the 12th Asian Junior Tennis Championships for players under 19 in Hong Kong. The two boys counted a great weekend by also reaching the doubles final. A total of 14 countries — including China and Taiwan — are participating in the week-long meet.

Players from Israel have never yet won the top honours, despite five outings to date in these championships, though in the 1980 Tokyo meet, Steve Rosenberg was both singles and doubles runner-up. His team-mate in the doubles was Avi Green. No. 1 singles seed Mansdorf was expected to do very well, but Ya'acov was only seeded eighth in the 64-draw.

Mansdorf had to work tremendously hard for his 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 semifinal success against Antonio Delarosa of the Philippines, in a marathon match which could have gone either way. Ya'acov was less extended, as he entered the last round with a 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 victory over India's Amit Baagaba, taking control in impressive style after losing the first set.

The two 17-year-old Israelis found the going hard in their doubles semi-final, before beating their South Korean opponents 5-7, 6-3, 6-3. In Tokyo, it was a Korean pairing who defeated Rosenberg and Green in the last round of the doubles.

The tournament is being organized by the Asian Tennis Federation, of which Israel was a founder-member in 1964, and has remained in good standing ever since. For the past few years, the Israel Tennis Association has been Israel's only sports body still regularly invited to compete in Asia. The trip to Hong Kong was made with the assistance of the Foreign Ministry to enable the Israeli team to "show the flag" on the Asian sports scene.

Pessah tourney

The men's singles line-up in the semi-finals of today's Pessah international tennis championships at Ramat Hasharon is: Shlomo Glickstein vs. Shai Pini and Ron Shoen vs. Gidon Bloom. The meet ends tomorrow, with play starting at 2 p.m. on each of the last two days.

In the 19th of yesterday's quarter-finals, Pini scored a tough 1-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Per-Ola Lindqvist of Sweden. Bloom also beat an opponent, winning 6-2, 6-3 against West German Gidon Hill. After spending Tuesday finishing in an earlier round, Shoen beat Elio Sassi 7-6, 6-3, while Pini conceded only two games to Gidon Nasr.

The women's singles line-up according to form, and in the semi-finals today, Rafaela Benayahu meets Sagit Doron, while Orly Blauvelt faces Ruti Sverdliff.

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The reluctant King

JORDAN'S King Hussein and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat finally met yesterday in Amman for what was described as a crucial encounter that would determine the king's readiness to join the U.S.-sponsored Middle East process. But all that Jordanian and PLO officials had to say about President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative was that both Hussein and Arafat were "not very enthusiastic" about it.

A further elaboration by Jordanian officials that King Hussein was "reluctant" to join the peace process without Arafat's approval was also not an exactly new revelation. The Jordanian monarch seems to have forgotten that seven months had passed, almost to the day, since President Reagan announced his Middle East peace plan in the wake of the PLO exodus from Beirut. That should have provided King Hussein with ample time to study the various implications of the Reagan plan and to consider the merits of accepting the challenge of joining the peace process.

The king himself and sources close to him were in fact quoted time and again by American officials as saying that by March this year the big announcement about his entering the peace process was to be expected. But March has come and gone and one is still faced with the usual double talk which lacks any decisive move by the Jordanian ruler.

The latest word from Amman is that Jordanian and PLO officials are now apparently working on a compromise formula which would reconcile certain elements of the Reagan plan with the resolutions of the Arab summit in Fez, also of last September. In plain language that could only mean that the PLO would be accorded a formal position of a negotiating party and that the eventual establishment of a Palestinian state would be one of the major aims of future peace talks.

These two points which were deliberately omitted from the Reagan initiative are the main cause for the PLO's persistent objection — even that of Arafat's so-called moderate school — to the U.S. president's plan. Given Israel's broad consensus against establishing an independent Palestinian state and against negotiations with the PLO, as long as it does not recognize Israel and does not renounce terror, Washington adopted some clever wording to circumvent these major obstacles.

The Reagan plan therefore speaks of self-rule for the over one million Palestinians in the West Bank and in the Gaza District, in association with Jordan, and envisages a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to the peace talks which would have the PLO's approval but would not comprise formally active PLO officials.

But even in this more moderate version the Reagan initiative was not acceptable to Prime Minister Begin's government. The Labour opposition, as well as other more moderate political groupings were — and still are — of the opinion that President Reagan's plan could provide a basis for peace talks which could also effectively tackle the Palestinian problem.

Among the various political risks and prospects which King Hussein is considering, he must also take into account the Israeli component. For neither he nor the PLO are operating in a vacuum.

The question is not merely how to find a compromise formula between King Hussein and Arafat, but how to devise a move which could be considered seriously by Israel. But such a move does not seem to be forthcoming from yesterday's meetings between the Jordanian king and the PLO leader.

Apart from the fact that Washington apparently failed once more to persuade King Hussein to come down from the fence on which he has been sitting for the past few years, the U.S. ought to consider the far from helpful role Saudi Arabia has been playing all along in this respect.

But above everything else, the Jordanian monarch should also ponder the question of how different the situation in the Middle East would have been today, had he had the courage and wisdom to follow the late President Sadat's lead and had he joined the Camp David peace process four and half years ago in which Jordan's role is mentioned 13 times.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS WHY DO Czechoslovak light bulbs usually burn out in a month? Bad workmanship might be the snap answer you'd get from a lot of exasperated folks in Prague, Bratislava or Plzen. After all, most other products turned out by Czechoslovak industry these days are shoddy, which is one reason why the country, once famed for its highly advanced engineering goods, is losing its traditional foreign markets. So why not lightbulbs?

To an unidentified electrical engineer from a Czechoslovak cooperative farm that seemed too easy. According to *Rude Pravo*, the official Communist party daily, he discovered a much deeper and more serious cause: the vagaries of the country's electrical power supply. According to the paper, he made systematic measurements of the voltage and found that it oscillates madly, with a tendency to be higher than the standard 220 volts for which all electrical appliances are manufactured. His readings showed voltages

averaging between 245 and 250 but sometimes as high as 420.

No wonder lightbulbs burn out so quickly or that so many Czechoslovak cities seem to be so dark at night.

PS WHEN Deloris Tonigues of Lincoln, Nebraska, wanted to find names for her children, she looked through sport car magazines instead of baby books. And her oldest son is carrying on the family tradition.

Jaguar Ferrari, 23, Lancia Lemans, 22, and Aston Martin, 18, reflect their father Donald's intense interest in foreign cars.

Jaguar and his wife, Rhonda, had a second son on March 7, and named him Austin Healey. Their older son is Rory Gene Ferrari, 2.

"When my husband decided on Jaguar, I couldn't believe that he was serious," recalled Mrs. Tonigues. "I finally had to give in, but it was my choice the next two times I got pregnant. I had to do a little study and research."

She called her daughter-in-law "a good sport."

JEWS IN ROME, in discussing communal affairs, tend to speak of two periods: Before the Bomb and After the Bomb.

The Bomb, of course, was the one thrown at worshippers leaving the Great Synagogue last September, causing many casualties. Some of the injured are still suffering. The side of the synagogue that was damaged is now being repaired and carabinieri (para-military police) stand guard all around the building.

Inside the building is the office of the Rome Jewish community, whose secretary, Tullio Perlmutter, last week told me that the Bomb had beneficially affected the relations between the community and the political parties. Traditionally Jews have been on good terms with the Liberals, the Social Democrats and especially the Republicans, who had always enjoyed extensive Jewish support. (From 1907 to 1913, Rome had a Republican Jewish mayor, Ernesto Nathan.)

Relations were generally good with the Christian Democrats, especially its right wing. There were few connections with the Communists, and those were bad. Jews had in the past been active in the Communist Party, but since 1967 have dropped away and today, it is estimated, barely a hundred Jews in Rome are active Communists.

The events of the past summer, especially the war in Lebanon, led to a deterioration in relations with some of the parties. The right wing of the Christian Democrats stayed sympathetic, but there was a complete split with the left wing of the party. The Jews were on the verge of a rupture with the Socialists, and there was no dialogue at all with the Communists.

The Bomb, as well as the preceding welcome given to Yasser Arafat at the Interparliamentary Conference in Rome, shook up all the Italian parties into a re-

ON April 10th the Jewish world will mark the 40th anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto. This is an historic important date, for at the time of World War II, such a dramatic and courageous event had never happened before. The uprising occurred after no hope was left for the rescue of the Jews. The leaders of the Zionist youth movements and other Jewish organizations in the ghetto intended to revolt earlier once they learned of the transports that had been sent to the gas chambers in Treblinka, with the realization that all hope was lost to them. But the council of the elders in the ghetto opposed such action, which they believed would incite the Germans to destroy the ghetto completely.

When the uprising did begin and German soldiers were killed by the ghetto fighters, the Polish citizens, who had lived in peace with their Jewish neighbors, refused to come to the aid of the Jewish resistance fighters. The Polish underground movements showed no interest in the uprising, and pleas made by the Jewish fighters for arms were not heeded. At the last moment, however, the ghetto fighters were able to purchase from them a small quantity of arms.

As the world knows, the Jews battled with courage and self-sacrifice, knowing all the time that there was

AFTER THE BOMB

By GEOFFREY WIGODER

evaluation of the role of Jews and Judaism in Italy. Very close relations continue to be maintained with the Liberals, the Republicans, the Social Democrats and the right wing of the Christian Democrats.

Surprise developments have been the openings to the Communists and the left-wing Christian Democrats. The breakthrough to the Communists was to its affiliated Trades Union organization. I was told that the secretary-general of the Communist Trades Union offered to make a public statement to the community after the Bomb.

He confessed how little he knew about the Jewish community and said he had not been able to sleep, in anticipation of his speech, as he really knew nothing about Judaism, Zionism, anti-Semitism, the ghetto, etc. The positive outcome has been the establishment of a dialogue on a high level which, it is hoped, will help to dispel the ignorance and lack of clarity that prevails. Tullio Perlmutter summarized by saying that the political situation of the Jews in Italy is stronger today than a year ago.

THE BOMB has also raised the level of Jewish identification among some of the city's Jews. The number of Jews in Rome has remained stable since the end of World War II and stands at approximately 16,000. Some have left for various reasons, but these losses were made up by the 3,000 or 4,000 Libyans who arrived in 1967.

Despite their very different background from the old Roman

Jews, they have settled down with remarkable success. They speedily established themselves economically, as shopkeepers and traders, sometimes using their connections and linguistic knowledge to develop trade between Italy and Arab lands. They are represented on the board of the community, and although under the circumstances, it is only to be expected that they have preserved their identity, there is a slow integration and the beginning of "mixed marriages" between children of Libyan parents and those of old Roman families. The Libyan children attend the community schools and youth centres.

The community has only a small handful of Ashkenazi Jews. The Russian Jews, who a few years ago were to be found in large numbers in nearby Ostia, have moved on, and with the virtual cessation of Soviet Jewish emigration, no replacements are arriving. Only a few extreme social cases, who cannot find admittance elsewhere, remain in Rome.

A group of Roman Jews still live in the old ghetto, adjacent to the main synagogue, but the majority are spread throughout the city. The bulk of the Jews are shopkeepers. It is said that entire streets of stores are Jewish-owned, and a survey has shown that 70 per cent of Rome's clothing shops are Jewish-owned. Indeed, I was told, on Yom Kippur some streets are almost entirely closed down. The children of the storeowners often go straight from school to their fathers' businesses and do not study at university.

There is a small intellectual elite, and the number of Jewish students at the universities is growing, but the proportion remains much smaller than in many other Jewish communities.

Sixty-five per cent of the Jewish children go to Jewish schools of which there are four, one for each level: kindergarten, primary, junior high and senior high. The schools give a full education but, as is customary in Italy, they finish at 1 p.m., so not much time is left for Jewish studies. These are integrated in the elementary schools, but thereafter do not exceed an hour a day.

COMMUNITY workers with whom I spoke defined their main problem as financial. According to Italian law, all Jews have to pay taxes to the community (unless they make a declaration opting-out), and this income finances all community services, including education. In Rome, this has to cover the salaries of 250 officials, including 70 teachers. One of the problems is that the government transfers its tax collections to the community only twice a year, while costs are rising in a country where inflation is officially put at 17 per cent, and unofficially at 25 per cent.

Some of the teachers are trained in Israel, and some at the Rome Rabbinical Seminar. Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff informed me that there are 17 rabbinical students at the Rome seminar and others at the seminar in Turin. However, as all Italy does not require more than 25

rabbi, many of those who graduate will go into teaching and communal functions. Italy has no Reform movement; an attempt to establish a Reform congregation in Florence did not succeed. Rabbi Toaff was one of those who spoke of discerning a stronger Jewish identification, especially among the younger generation, as a result of recent events.

There is concern over various anti-Semitic manifestations. Blame for the bomb-throwing points to Palestinians. The alleged mastermind, who is under arrest in Turkey, was a bright Palestinian student at the University of Bari.

The Palestinians in Italy have made connections with both the extreme right and the extreme left, finding common ground in their anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish attitudes. Hostility to Israel, extending to Jews, is widespread at the student level. It has become difficult to talk about Jews at the University of Rome, and I was told that the Jewish academics there do little to combat the hostility.

After the Bomb, Jewish students tried to call a protest meeting and sought to put up a poster, but had to run from hostile Italian students. The Jewish students have no on-campus organization. For Jewish youth, there are several youth movements of which Bnei Akiva and Hashomer Hatzair are the most active. A recent mission of Peace Now representatives from Israel, led by Avraham Burg, drew considerable support, and many Jewish students attended their meetings.

The Rome Jewish community is the oldest in Europe, going back over 2,000 years of uninterrupted history. Its leaders at this moment feel confident that the community has also a long future ahead.

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Uprising in Warsaw

By MOSHE KOL

no hope of overcoming the Germans who surrounded them. Their uprising was a protest to the silent world, who permitted the extermination of millions of Jews. Since the Germans decided not to continue to sacrifice their people, they issued orders to burn the ghetto and murder the Jews by drowning them in their bunkers and by the use of lethal gas.

While the ghetto burned, the Jews continued to fight from house to house and from bunker to bunker. Never in modern history has such heroism been shown. While this tragic event took place, life continued in normal fashion outside the ghetto. The uprising continued for weeks — longer than anyone could expect — but very few survived. A few, who managed to hide in the sewerage system of the ghetto lived to tell the world and the Jewish people about this heroic and dramatic chapter in Jewish history.

THE POLISH GOVERNMENT under the Communist ruler, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, and

the Polish fighters' organization, have invited delegations from Israel and other Jewish communities to mark the anniversary. I am asking those who plan to travel to Warsaw: Why should we give this opportunity to the Poles to elevate their image in the world today, when they refused to help save Jewish lives at the time of World War II?

The Jewish community flourished in Poland for centuries and made important contributions to the development of Poland, but when Hitler occupied Poland, he was able to build the majority of the gas chambers for the extermination of European Jews on Polish soil. He knew that anti-Semitism in Poland prevailed and Jews would not be helped by the Poles. In the Warsaw Ghetto lived a half-million Jews, and daily transports left the ghetto for Treblinka, the infamous extermination camp.

When I visited Poland in 1946, the Polish anti-Semites were attempting to kill the few remaining Jews to prevent the return of their property which had been left during

the war. I could not visit Treblinka and Majdanek because it was dangerous for me to travel by train. Jews were dragged off the trains and murdered.

TODAY, VERY FEW Jews live in Poland, but the Polish communist government of today is interested in elevating its image in the world because of the reaction to the Solidarity movement. They believe that the Jewish delegates who will come from Israel and the U.S., as well as from other Jewish communities, to mark the uprising, will create a better atmosphere for them in the free world. I ask the question: Why should we, the Jews in Israel and elsewhere, fulfil this role when the historic facts prove that the Polish people have not atoned for their dreadful behaviour towards the Jewish people at the time of the war and long afterwards?

The Jewish state is a living memorial for the exterminated six million Jews, and, therefore, this event should be commemorated

here in Israel and not in Warsaw.

Mark Edelman, the only surviving leader of the ZOB, the Jewish Fighting Organization, and deputy commander of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising issued a statement explaining why he is refusing to attend the ceremony in Warsaw.

"I was invited to join the honorary committee to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. I wish to explain why I refused. Forty years ago we did not fight merely to survive — we fought for life in dignity and freedom. To celebrate our anniversary here, where enslavement and humiliation is now the lot of the whole society, where words and gestures have become nothing but lies, should betray the spirit of our struggle. It would mean participating in something entirely to the contrary, it would be a cynical act of contempt. I shall not be a party to this, nor will I accept the participation of others, regardless of where they come from, whatever their credentials. The true memory of the victims and heroes, of the eternal human striving for truth and freedom, will be preserved in the silence of graves and of hearts — afar from manipulative ceremonies."

I congratulate Mark Edelman on his courageous and true statement.

Moshe Kol was formerly an Independent Liberal Party cabinet minister.

READERS' LETTERS

DOCTORS' PAY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Yosef Goell's article, (March 11), in which he states: "There is a finite amount of money available for health services and for doctors' pay in any society."

In our society, more money and thought has gone into buildings and equipment than into the working conditions and pay for doctors. The powers-that-be, over the years, have related to doctors as people to oppose rather than support.

This should not be a trade union fight because the welfare of doctors

has a direct bearing on the welfare of the patients they treat. This was clearly brought to the attention of the Labour government in England when a general strike of doctors became imminent after the introduction of the National Health Scheme. It is to the credit of the British government that it was sensitive to the human and professional requests of the doctors and adjusted the "finite" amount of money available to everyone's satisfaction without a strike.

DR. A. HURWITZ
Givatayim.

DOCTORS' STRIKE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With the doctors' strike entering its third week at the time of writing, Kupat Holim has still not issued a definitive statement as to the return of fees paid by persons forced to seek medical care offered by doctors at alternative stations.

As of this writing, Kupat Holim has also refused to fill prescriptions written by the doctors because they are not written on Kupat Holim prescription blanks. Obviously, there are no doctors available who will use the Kupat Holim prescription blanks: thus, an additional cost

for medication is passed on to the consumer. In addition, certain routine lab tests are not being performed due to the strike.

It is to be assumed that hospital admissions are well below normal, thus sharply lowering the cost of hospital bills to Kupat Holim since the strike's start. All in all it would seem that Kupat Holim is making quite a bit of money this month since they are delivering minimal service for members who have paid their dues.

ELLEN BEN-SEFER
Degania Bet.

SURGERY DURING STRIKE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Because of the surgeons' strike, "non urgent" surgery is being postponed. Does the conscience of the striking surgeons permit them to ignore the damage to their patients' health which might be caused by this postponement?

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Opening remarks:
Dr. Yitzhak Arad, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Management Committee
Address:
Gideon Haimson, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council, and Ceremony Chairman
Stephan Grady, representative of the Organizations of Fighters, Partisans, and Ex-Concentration Camp Prisoners
Zevulun Hammer, Minister of Education and Culture
Prayers: Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbon Lezion

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Moderator: Amikam Guevrit

Buses will leave for Har Hatzikaron, starting at 8.15 p.m., from the No. 18 bus stop opposite the Gai Centre, and will pick up passengers along the No. 18 route.

The Yad Vashem museum will be open after the ceremony, until midnight. During Remembrance Day, April 10, wreath laying ceremonies will be held at the Ghetto Revolts Memorial Wall, at Yad Vashem. Wreaths will be laid by delegations from national, public and educational institutions. The ceremony will be attended by members of the government.

Address: The Prime Minister, Menachem Begin
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